

Council chief says coalition will 'put people first'

LEADER'S PLEDGE ON KEY SERVICES

Report by Rob Cox

NEW Walsall Council leader Sean Coughlan has pledged that his term in office will be "about putting people first and making sure frontline services survive".

Councillor Coughlan has spoken to set out his vision for the borough.

He spoke fondly of his relationship with his late 'Thatcherite' father as he outlined the main emphasis for the council's new coalition regime with the Liberal Democrats.

But it was straight down to business for Labour's Councillor Coughlan who, after being formally elected last week, decided on his cabinet including a new portfolio of 'agenda for change' for his coalition partner and Liberal Democrat leader Councillor Ian Shires.

Other cabinet members include Councillor Lee Jeavons who will serve as Councillor Coughlan's deputy leader and as the portfolio holder for regeneration. The portfolio for children's services and education will be held by Councillor Rose Burley while community, leisure and culture will be looked after by Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick.

Councillor Coughlan said: "We will sit down with the chief executive and his team about the direction that we want to get back to which we started over 12 months ago when we took control. "The reality is that we know what challenges we have got, we have been there before and we know we have got difficult decisions to make but we think we can do things differently and better. "One of the things that Councillor Bird [Mike, former leader] talked about was people were lazy for not going out to vote, I honestly believe the opposite. People are disenchanted, they want something different."

Interestingly, as Councillor Coughlan heads up Walsall's Labour party, his father was a die-hard Conservative voter. He said: "My dad was always into politics but not the same politics as myself. I think he would be really really proud. He brought us up as free thinking individuals, we had lots of clashes about politics but I am sure he is sat up there really proud as is my mother."

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RAILWAY BENCHMARK TO SCOUTING LEGEND BRIAN



The bench at Chasewater Railway unveiled in the memory of Brian Marsh, with, front, his granddaughter Leanne Dunn

A FITTING salute was paid to a scouting legend from Pelsall who was honoured with his own memorial bench. Brian Marsh was involved in scouting for 30 years in the 1st Pelsall Group, and dedicated thousands of hours to helping youngsters develop.

The former railway worker passed away on July 5 last year, his 73rd birthday, and to recognise his incredible contribution, a bench bestowed with his name was unveiled at Brownhills West Station, a station which he knew well. His proud granddaughter Leanne Marsh said: "We had a really good turnout.

He worked on the railway so I think he would have liked it there. It was something he was really passionate about. He didn't intend to start helping with the Scouts. It was just that someone left and he was asked to help out. He found that he was quite good and stuck at it for a long time.

"There were loads of people there at the station to see the bench, lots of people from the Scouting community including committee members for the 1st Pelsall Scout Group.

"We all had a bit of a catch-up and a look at some old photos. Everyone really seemed

to enjoy looking back and reminiscing on old times. We looked through old pictures of St Georges Day parades and other events that he would play an important role in organising. He always had a lot of support from the parents as well. They really appreciated the work he did and that helped it become a really good community thing.

"He was well-known and had lots of friends in the Scouting community, not just in Pelsall. He was a wonderful man. He took me home from the hospital at three days old and looked after me ever since."

COUNCIL

Concrete policy call to tackle travellers

A CONCRETE policy is needed to deal with travellers after caravans moved on to another field in Walsall, a councillor has claimed.

Around 14 pitched up on land off King George Crescent, beside Elmwood School, in Rushall. Last week two different sets of travellers set up camp on Delves Common in Bell Lane within days of each other. Palfrey councillor Mohammed Nazir said a borough-wide policy had to be drawn up, with more dedicated traveller sites identified.

"This cannot keep happening," he said. "It is not fair on the residents. We need to come up with a concrete policy. Walsall has become a location of choice for travellers in the past 18 months." The council had to move along travellers and clean up after them on 85 occasions in 2015 – up from just 14 the previous year. The clean-up bill was £70,000.

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HEALTH

A&E figures making a positive recovery

PERFORMANCE has significantly improved at Walsall Manor Hospital's troubled A&E. In April – the latest figures available – 91 per cent of patients were seen within the nationally required four-hour benchmark.

This is still below the NHS target of 95 per cent, but the performance had improved substantially as it had gone below 85 per cent. Russell Caldicott, director of finance and performance, said: "During April, the highest number of breaches that occurred for four hour waits were due to unavailable beds."

APPROVAL

Club revamp scheme sails through planning

PLANS to revamp a sailing club have been given the green light by council planners.

The extension to Aldridge Sailing Club will see an entrance lobby built at the venue in Barns Lane, Rushall.

Disabled facilities will be included as part of the new additions to the sailing club. The planning application success gives club chiefs a second major boost in the past six months. Back in December there was cause for celebration after the club secured a £10,000 grant to buy two new boats.

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Families hit out at lack of warnings for tourists

FAMILIES of the Tunisia terror attack victims have raised concerns about a lack of warnings for travellers, at the latest pre-inquest hearing.

Relatives of some of the 30 Britons murdered in the resort of Sousse in June last year fear not enough was done to alert holidaymakers of the terror risk in the country. The attack in Sousse came just three months after 24 people – including Shropshire solicitor Sally Jane Adey – were killed at the Bardo Museum in Tunis in March.

Andrew Ritchie QC, who represents 17 families including Wednesbury's Suzy Richards – who lost her son Joel, brother Adrian and father Patrick in the Sousse massacre – said the Foreign Office had potentially failed to require holiday companies to warn Britons of the dangers. Travel agents allegedly lowered their prices to try to 'entice' more Britons to Tunisia, after 24 people were killed in a terror attack at Bardo National Museum in the capital in March 2015.

Ms Richards has previously said that she remains concerned about travel operators continuing to offer cut price deals to the country. Foreign Office advice for travellers in June 2015 stated: "There is a high risk from terrorism, including kidnapping. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places visited by foreigners."

"This had only been produced online but we are going to consider, in light of future evidence, whether Her Majesty's Government should have imposed a duty of candour on the travel companies," Mr Ritchie said at the pre-inquest hearing into the deaths last Wednesday.

He said travel agents, including Thomson's parent company TUI, had told the Foreign Office that they intended to use 'reduced pricing strategies for further tourists to be enticed to Tunisia following the Bardo attack'.

Police joy over device success

POLICE have claimed that the installation of a dome-hawk camera to prevent anti-social behaviour in Streety has been successful.

The bus shelter in Bridle Lane had become a congregation point for a number of youths causing problems for residents and users of the bus shelter, it was reported earlier this year.

The town's local neighbourhood policing team received a number of calls from local residents about the youths, leading to increased patrols and the installation of a dome-hawk camera.

Sgt Joanne Winters, from the Streety neighbourhood police team, said: "A dome-hawk camera has now been installed at the location and officers will be regularly viewing it to identify youths acting in an anti-social manner and warning letters will be issued. Since the deployment of the dome-hawk camera all problems have seemed to cease."

Students' talents really click in contest



Students with their photographs

PHOTOGRAPHS taken by students from Walsall College claimed first prize in a regional competition.

Talented students at the college took part in the recent Midlands regional British Institute of Professional Photography competition.

After entering into categories including illustrative, commercial and advertising against degree level students, two college pupils won first prize, with another receiving a merit.

Damian Addis and Luke Smith were victorious in the professional and student advertising categories,

while HND student Fruzsina Schreck was given the merit.

In addition former Degree students, Kristofor Green, Tracy Watkins-Smythe and Michael Scott were named as runners-up in the Professional Portraiture, Illustrative and Friend of the BIPP categories, respectively. Photography Lecturer at Walsall College, Ian Male, said: "This is the third consecutive year our students have achieved success in this prestigious competition."

"We are delighted their talents have been recognised and it is a great

credit to Damian in particular that his work as a student has been recognised in the professional category."

The college was awarded with affiliation to the BIPP in 2013 in recognition of the professional teaching standards on its photography courses.

Head of Curriculum for Photography, Alan Tyler said: "We are committed to working in partnership with professional bodies to ensure students gain the highest level of skills in line with industry standards, and are delighted that their talents have been recognised by the BIPP."

Bird says Tories will soon be back in power

THE Conservatives in Walsall have vowed to be back in power in a 'very short space of time', after losing control of the council to a Labour/Liberal Democrat axis.

Councillor Mike Bird, the leader of Walsall's Tory group and former leader of the council, made the comments after his party were officially ousted.



Councillor Mike Bird

Councillor Bird, who earlier this month blasted 'lazy' voters in Walsall for not turning up to the polls, said: "At the end of the day we have to accept that it is all about numbers and we have to win those numbers back."

"I am fairly confident that the Conservatives will be back in power in a

very short space of time but only time will tell with the electorate."

"We will be as transparent and as robust as possible in opposition but we have to take into account most stuff goes through the cabinet and we will have to scrutinise those decisions."

Upbeat

"The socialist policies are different to ours and as a result we will view them on that basis."

"I think you have to remain upbeat, I have been in this game for 36 years going out to 39 at the end of my term and you do have ups and downs. This is one of the troughs we are in now but we will dust ourselves off and come back and fight again."

"I was already elected unopposed and will remain on as leader as long as they want me."

He was in a surprisingly jubilant mood after his party were officially voted out last Wednesday night.

With the council currently split 30/30, with the Labour mayor having the casting vote, Councillor Bird routinely quipped 'I bet this will be 30!' and 'this will be close' as various votes were counted on the night, as well as adding 'If I was betting man I think I know how many votes this will be'.

Icing on cake for Bernard's 105th



Bernard Rogers, aged 105, seen with his grandson, Bruce, his son and wife, Brian and Gwendoline

HE celebrated his birthday with cake and a waltz with his daughter-in-law, which is not bad going when you're 105. Bernard Rogers, smartly dressed in a suit and tie, was surrounded by family and friends at the Shrubbery nursing home in Wednesbury.

Five years ago, on his 100th birthday, he was treated to a match at Villa Park to watch his beloved Aston Villa beat Liverpool in the last game of the season. Until a year ago he still attended his local club, the Sons of Rest in Hilltop,

West Bromwich, three times a week to play snooker with people 30 years his junior.

But he gave up his home in Hill Top, where he was still living independently, 12 months ago after suffering three falls. His only child, son Brian, said: "He's not very impressed with Villa this season. He says they're playing terrible."

His father, who grew up in Lozells, Aston, went to games when tickets were 6d (less than 3p) for children and a shilling(5p) for adults. Bernard, who has one

grandson, Bruce, started work at 14 in the lighting industry selling oil lamps and lamp glasses in Birmingham.

From 1942 to 1976 he also worked as a volunteer special constable, covering a beat between Wednesbury and Darlaston. He puts his longevity down to having his son later in life, which helped keep him active, and not overdoing the beer. Now he is looking forward to becoming a great-grandfather as 32-year-old Bruce's partner Dayna is expecting their first child.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Off-road riders hope on camera

POLICE are looking to install a camera to catch people riding off-road motorbikes on park land in Aldridge.

Concerns have been raised by residents in the area to the neighbourhood policing team in relation to the bikes being used at Berryfields, Leigh View and Grettton Crescent.

Police have said they will step up patrols in response to the calls and are looking to install a dome-hawk camera to combat the 'historical and seasonal problem'.

Sgt Joanne Winters, of the Aldridge South and Central neighbourhood police team, said: "The local neighbourhood team have received a number of calls relating to the use of off road motorbikes around the Berryfields park land."

Spirited students on awards list

A GROUP of Walsall students has been shortlisted for the prestigious Britain Has Spirit awards in recognition of its charity work.

Ten Shire Oak Academy students currently volunteer to deliver lessons across the week to their peers, teaching a variety of skills including drama, singing, piano and guitar. The group is one of three regional finalists and if successful, they can win £1,000 to host a street party for their community.

If they win the regional vote, they will also be entered into the national competition and stand a chance of winning £25,000 for the charity.

To vote for Shire Oak Academy, visit britainhaspirit.com/vote-central

Library to mark 10th birthday

BROWNHILLS Library will be celebrating its 10th birthday with a free party. In the 10 years since the library opened at the Parkway Centre building it has welcomed over half a million visitors.

To help the library celebrate the landmark on June 11 a birthday party for all ages has been organised, starting at 10:30am.

Included in the activities will be a chance to see a special exhibition of Brownhills Past and Present provided by the photographic, local studies and archive collections of Walsall Local History Centre.

Micropub set for town in former shop

A MICROPUB is to open in Rugeley under new plans at a former computer repair shop at Fernwood Shopping Centre. The precinct's original pub, The Moderation, closed and a convenience store took its place.

The micropub would be part of a parade of 13 shops. The move was welcomed by Chris Southall, Cannock Chase Camra branch spokesman. He said: "Any new pub opening is good news for the town and ale drinkers locally."

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AS another Chelsea Flower Show slips into history, I reflect once again on the endless joys of gardening and how profoundly grateful I am that people find time to do it. Other people.

SUCH is the march of the mobile phone that many landline phones barely ring from one day to the next. In fact, this week comes a new landmark; it is now reckoned that half of all landline calls are nuisance calls. I took one only the other day. A call-centre lady, speaking in a strong Indian accent began, in all seriousness: "Hello. My name is Cherie Johnson." I informed her that my name was Father Christmas. We hung up at the same moment.

WHEN will they ever learn? In the 2001 Census, nearly 400,000 Brits declared their religion as "Jedi knight." In this year's competition to find a name for the UK's new research vessel, more than 100,000 voted for "Boaty McBoatface." You might imagine that by now the authorities would have realised you can no longer ask the Great British Public a sensible question and get a sensible answer. We are now told that the 2021 Census may include a question on our sexuality and gender. Let me be the first to out myself as Neutral McNewface.

AS is so often the case, life imitates Brian. There is a scene in Monty Python's Life of Brian when a bunch of soothsayers are vying for the attention of passers-by with their prophecies. One unusually precise soothsayer, speaking in a strong Ulster accent, declares that: "For the demon shall bear a nine-bladed sword. Nine-bladed! Not two or five or seven, but nine." I am reminded of him as the Remain lobby assure us with great precision that if we leave the EU the average cost of a family's shopping will rise by exactly £220 while GDP will drop by precisely 3.6 per cent and 820,000 jobs – not 800,000 or 850,000 – will be lost. Coming soon: the Brexit plague of 1,999,997 locusts.

THE university of East Anglia has advised students not to throw their mortar boards into the air at their graduation ceremonies but to choose the "safer" option of miming the throw and having images of mortar boards digitally added to the photos. How many students have been slain by falling mortar boards is not disclosed. If the traditional graduate headgear is so dangerous, perhaps students should throw something else into the air, something light that all students possess and will cause no injury. Unpaid electricity bills, overdraft refusals, county-court judgments and so on.

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On the buses for services revamp

BUS services in the Black Country have been revamped – with timetables changing and bus stops pulled from some routes.

National Express has revealed updated services for the region. There will be changes to bus times and routes, with an increase in congestion cited as a major reason for the alterations, which came into effect from Sunday. Many bus services

along busy routes will only see minor changes to timetables, but some areas will see some services stop running all together.

Two services that will see the most changes are bus services between West Bromwich and Great Barr, and West Bromwich and Wolverhampton.

A section of the route for the number 46 bus between West Bromwich and Great Barr will stop running.

This will be the service that runs from the Scott Arms, in Great Barr, and Asda Queslett.

For the bus services from West Bromwich to Wolverhampton, the number 79 bus, which runs through Wednesbury, Darlaston and Bilston, one section of the route will stop running and another will see twice as many buses running.

Operators say 'the route in Dar-

laston will be revised' - there will no longer be a service for bus stops in Wolverhampton Street and Stafford Road. Instead all journeys operating between Dangerfield Lane and Darlaston will have a double run.

This will include stops in St Lawrence Way, Pinfold Street and Moxley Road. To see the full changes to bus services visit nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/information.

MP hits out at Sims' new £1k a day role

By Rob Gollledge

A WALSALL MP has criticised the sum of money which is being paid to former West Midlands Chief Constable Chris Sims who has taken up a top police job earning £1,000 a day.

Mr Sims, who retired in January with a pension believed to be worth around £150,000 per year, is working as an adviser for the National Police Chiefs Council.



Chris Sims

He will work two days a week at a rate of £1,000 a day – worth the equivalent of £260,000 pro rata or £125 per hour based on a normal working day.

As Chief Constable of the country's second largest force he was paid £200,000 a year in salary and benefits and oversaw cuts of £125 million – the highest in the country which saw 1,300 officers lose their jobs.

Austerity

However, Walsall North MP David Winnick, a member of the influential Home Affairs Select Committee said: "People will be somewhat surprised that at the time of austerity when wages have been frozen in many places or increases have been minimal, that someone who has been on a very high salary – and understandably so as a Chief Constable should – once he leaves his job be paid £1,000 per day to work part time.

"People, quite a number of them in my constituency and across the West Midlands, will be raising eyebrows at this figure. It is not unusual for public figures to be paid these amounts but whether it is right is another matter."

A spokesman for the organisation said: "Chris Sims is extremely well-qualified to advise on important national work that aims to improve policing for the public. The change will help police tackle new threats and improve the service for the public. He will work on a part-time basis which equates to two days a week on a day rate of £1,000."

Lecturers strike for better deal



Wolverhampton University, Walsall campus, during the UCU strike, with, left, branch chairman John Chorley

'OUR working conditions are the students' learning conditions.' That was the message from striking lecturers who last Wednesday took to the picket line outside the University of Wolverhampton at both its City campus in Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton and Walsall campus in Gorway Road.

They were taking part in the first of two days of strike action over pay and the use of fixed and zero-hour contracts.

It comes after the University and College Union (UCU) rejected a 1.1 per cent pay offer from employers, arguing that universities could afford to pay more after the pay and benefits of university leaders went up by 5.1 per cent last year.

The union is also concerned about the increased use

of zero-hour contracts to cover and replace permanent posts, and the impact that has on students.

Cécile Hatier, a lecturer within the university's Faculty of Art, was one of around 15 academic staff members on the picket line in Wulfruna Street.

She said: "More and more lecturers are being paid for the hours they teach and that's it. For those individuals it is terrible – they don't know what is going to happen next week or next month. It means they can't talk about what changes can be made to modules or what can be done for particular students."

If the pay dispute is not resolved in the coming weeks, members have agreed to further strike action which could affect open days, graduation ceremonies and the clearing process.

Cameron's Maguluf goof after 75 shots

THIS is the British tourist who keeled over in the street after he claimed to have downed 75 shots of booze.

Cameron Relf, aged 18, from Walsall, had been drinking with pals at Lush Bar in Maguluf, allegedly encouraged by shot girls and the gaggles of tourists.

But Cameron's boozy bender turned sour after he necked a lethal volume of Sambuca and caramel vodka – a move that saw him wake up in hospital.

Cameron, who works for a food purchasing firm, had been drinking with friends Matthew and James, but was left on his own after one went back to the hotel to sleep and the other went to withdraw cash.

After an eight hour stay in hospital that saw Cameron hooked up to a drip, Spanish doctors discharged him, where he went back to the room he had booked at the HSM Sunset Beach hotel. For the rest of the holiday, which was due to end on Sunday, Cameron was planning on getting back on the booze, suggesting that he might switch to drinking jagerbombs to avoid another trip to hospital.

Cameron said: "There were shot girls walking around the bar that we were in and although other people bought a couple off of them, we just couldn't say no and kept getting more."

"I had about 75 shots in total of Sambuca and caramel vodka. Some of the bar staff were cheering me on and we had made friends with some of the other British tourists out there too. I tried to get back to the room, but had to be helped by the bar staff and other tourists – that's when I went to hospital. When I woke up, the doctors were pretty short with me and only took my insurance details before sending me on my way. But that's what you do in Maguluf."

Hospital for pair in crash

A MAN and a woman were taken to hospital after a smash in Willenhall.

The incident happened just before 7.30am last Thursday morning on Wolverhampton Road West and involved a red Ford Transit van and a car. Nine fire fighters attended the scene split between one crew from Walsall fire station and one from Willenhall fire station.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said: "One adult male was released from the van and one female adult removed herself from the car prior to our arrival. Both taken to hospital by the ambulance service. They were in attendance along with the police. We made the road and the cars safe and left around 20 past 8."

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Diabetics warned against fasting

MUSLIM diabetics in Birmingham have been urged not to put their health at risk by fasting during the forthcoming month of Ramadan.

Throughout Ramadan, which will run from June 7 to July 6, most Muslims are required to refrain from eating and drinking during daylight hours.

But diabetics are sometimes exempt from this if fasting would put their health at risk. Therefore diabetics who do choose to fast are strongly advised to seek advice from a health professional before Ramadan.

Witness call after stabbing in street

A MAN was stabbed in a Walsall street late last Tuesday night. Police were called to Countess Street, Palfrey just after 11pm by ambulance colleagues who were treating a man for a stab wound.

West Midlands Police believe the man had been assaulted outside a social club in Caldmore Green several minutes earlier. He was taken to hospital and treated for a puncture wound to his lower back.

His condition is described as stable. Any witnesses are asked to call DC Narinderjit Sandhu on 101.

Two lanes shut following crash

A CRASH between two cars shut two lanes of the M6 in the Black Country.

Traffic backed up after the smash at around 2.30pm, last Monday, between junctions 6 and 7 for Great Barr heading southbound.

The lanes were gradually reopened as the cars and debris were removed from the motorway. The motorway reopened fully at around 3.15pm but traffic moved slowly for a while afterwards. No-one is thought to have been seriously hurt.

Man treated after three-car collision

A MAN was taken to hospital after a three car collision during morning traffic in Walsall. The crash took place on Chester Road, Streety, at 7.45am, near a bus stop, last Thursday.

Three people were seen by paramedics with a woman treated for shock and a man taken to Good Hope hospital with neck pains. The other driver was not injured. The fire service sent an engine from Sutton Coldfield and the police were requested as coolant was leaking from one of the vehicles.

G&S theme for choir

HALESOWEN Choral Society will be performing a concert that celebrates The Magic of Gilbert & Sullivan on July 2. Tickets for the concert at Hasbury Methodist Church in Albert Road, Halesowen. cost £6.

To book call 0121 550 7206 or email tickets@halesowenchoralsociety.org

Cannabis arrests rise by 40pc in 12 months

THE number of people caught red-handed with cannabis has shot up by more than 40 per cent during the past 12 months, new figures have revealed.

A total of 2,327 people were arrested for cannabis possession in the West Midlands in 2015 – up from 1,618 in the previous year.

Exactly 13,000 have been held by the force since 2011, according to the statistics revealed by a Freedom of Information request.

The overall trend has been downward, with 3,620 arrests in 2011 to 1,618 in 2014 – before the rise in 2015.

Councillor Bob Lloyd, who sits on Sandwell Council's health and adult social care scrutiny board, said it is positive that the numbers have been falling since 2011.

However, he said education about drugs needs to be improved to combat the problems even further. Councillor Lloyd said: "In Sandwell the council has recently launched a campaign with children from RSA Academy with the message that there are serious health risks with these things."

The figures also reveal the total number of possession of cannabis offences and people proceeded against for possession of cannabis from 2011. There were 6,416 in 2011 and fell ever year to 3,315 in 2015. Wayne Little, station commander at Tipton Community Fire Station, issued a warning about the risks of cannabis factories when launching a anti-cannabis campaign earlier this month.

He said: "So-called cannabis factories pose huge risks to those involved, their innocent neighbours and the emergency services. It's often the case that the criminals bypass the power supply, make unsafe structural alterations, and then fill the premises with cultivation equipment that uses huge amounts of power."

Anyone who suspects neighbours of illegally growing and supplying cannabis should call police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Group in road safety concern

A NEIGHBOURHOOD watch group has called for action to be taken to resolve road safety concerns after a crash left a woman and child injured.

The accident took place in Milton Street, Palfrey, on Saturday May 21.

A woman, who suffered bruising, was taken to hospital and a child also suffered cuts to her knee.

The Palfrey and Caldmore neighbourhood watch group says there have been many accidents on the road and has called for agencies to work together to address the issue.

Imran Arif, secretary for the group, said: "Residents having been highlighting the road safety concerns for a while now, which the police and council have failed to address. This concern is long standing and growing."

Council pledge as travellers leave



Part of the encampment of travellers on a grassy area near Yew Tree Road, at The Delves in Walsall, which saw a different group move onto the land

TRAVELLERS have finally moved on from Delves Common in Walsall – leaving piles of rubbish behind.

The group pitched up on the site opposite Delves Junior School at the start of last week, in Bell Lane, The Delves, just a week after another group were at the site.

Police were set to evict them on Friday morning but neighbours say they left late

on Thursday night. Walsall Council is said to be looking into the problem.

Palfrey councillor Mohamed Nazir has labelled their return as 'most unwelcome'.

Neighbours nearby the field have spoken of their frustration as they claim loud music was played throughout the night.

One resident, who didn't want to named amid fears

of their safety, said: "I am living under fear in my own home. Why should I have to live under fear? There were kids coming up to the door and ringing the bell. They were playing music and making noise in the middle of the night keeping people awake."

"It has been an ongoing problem for the last year that won't go away. They will keep on coming back."

The travellers left behind gas canisters, piles of bin bags full with rubbish and even a children's quad bike.

Walsall Council were in attendance from 10am on Friday morning to clear up the mess. The playing fields at the common recently underwent a £400,000 upgrade to clean up the once contaminated land.

The borough has been plagued by traveller camps

in recent years, with the cost of clearing up sites reaching £70,000 for 2015. Popular locations have included Gosport Lodge Crescent, Delves Common and Broadway West Playing Fields.

Palfrey councillor Mohamed Nazir said: "We had just finished cleaning up the site and this return is most unwelcome. We will look at solutions."

ISIS terror gang four jailed over Syrian plot

Report by Rob Golledge

FOUR members of a Black Country terror cell who plotted to smuggle unborn babies and children into Syria have been jailed for a total of 17 and a half years.

Ayman Shaukat, aged 28, Alex Nash, 22, Kerry Thomason, 24, and Lorna Moore, 34, all from Walsall, were given jail terms of between a suspended two year sentence and 10 years jail at the Old Bailey in London.

At the Old Bailey last week, Judge Charles Wide QC told Shaukat he posed a 'significant risk' to the public and added: "Aslam plainly went there to fight. He was a dedicated terrorist fighter."

Dedicated

"Nash would have been a fighter had he not been intercepted. With your ability to deceive I am satisfied that you present a significant risk to members of the public of causing serious harm."

The judge told Nash: "You went to fight for ISIS and you went to great lengths. You were dedicated to the cause."

Sentencing Thomason, he said: "There is a naivety about you but you knew perfectly well he was going to fight." Finally Judge Wide told Moore: "You knew perfectly well of your husband's dedication and there was clear evidence

of it. You are a very strong character. One of the troubling things about you is your ability at telling lies."



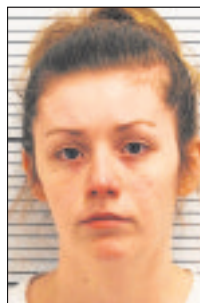
Convert – Lorna Moore, 34



Ayman Shaukat, aged 28



22-year-old Alex Nash



Kerry Thomason, 24

West Midlands Police Counter Terrorism Unit smashed a jihadist cell in Walsall in October 2014 after Jacob Petty, 26, the son of a Church of England vicar Sue Boyce, confessed via email he was in Syria to become a 'soldier' of the Islamic State.

He met up with his friends Aslam and Siadatan – the husbands of the two female defendants – who have also separately travelled to Syria in 2014. Petty was killed in fighting and it is also believed that Siadatan, the brother of Apprentice winner Yasmina, is also dead.

But last month Aslam sent an email to the Express & Star claiming to be a teacher in Turkey and demanded his wife be set free. At least two others associated with the Islam Walsall group – including a pregnant woman – have made it to Syria.

The plot dreamt up in Walsall during 2014 planned to smuggle at least four pregnant women and four young children into the Islamic State. Nash, Moore and Thomason are all Muslim converts.

Convicted burglar Shaukat separately drove both Aslam, and Nash and his pregnant wife to Stansted and Birmingham airports. He also arranged Nash and Jan's affairs while they were abroad, including emptying their flat.

He was treasurer and later vice-chairman of Islam Walsall which had a meeting house dubbed the Walsall Islamic Centre in Bradford Lane.

The group was sympathetic to ISIS, had stalls at Walsall Market, and once hosted a Christmas Day conference with cronies of the hook-handed radical cleric Abu Hamza, who was jailed last year for multiple charges, includ-

ing hostage-taking and plotting to set up a terrorism training camp in the US.

Shaukat, who worked in Essington, Walsall and Smethwick, was nicknamed the Caldmore Chameleon by counter terrorism police for his ability to repeatedly change his story.

He communicated with Aslam via 'code' using mobile phone apps.

Thomason, who married Siadatan in an Islamic ceremony when they were both 17, bought her husband a new laptop so she could communicate with him in Syria and drove him to Birmingham Airport.

Moore was a trainee maths teacher and also taught at the Islamic school connected to Wolverhampton's main mosque. Nash converted to Islam when he was 18 and was known for his religious rap videos on YouTube.

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with Mark Andrews



Warden's moan just ticket for hypocrisy

YOU know that parking enforcement is going too far when even the traffic wardens are complaining about it.

After years of platitudes about "keeping the traffic moving" and "keeping the public safe", a disgruntled warden in Dudley has revealed they are being told to issue an average of 4.7 tickets each a day to meet budget targets.

I would love to say that comes as a surprise, but really it is right up there with the revelation that Big Daddy used to like his grub.

It has long been my belief that the vast majority of parking tickets are nothing to do with either road safety or the free flow of traffic.

They are simply councils fining people for minor breaches of rules that they dreamt up themselves.

And ticketing targets for traffic wardens are the price we pay for the dreadful decision to take parking enforcement away from the police and to hand it over to local authorities.

Well here's an idea. Let's get rid of all civil parking wardens, the whole lot of them, and use the money to take on a few extra police. It might only be a handful of extra officers, but I'm sure they will come in handy.

And in return? Well, leave it to the police to deal with the small number of instances where there is a real issue of public safety or obstruction.

That will, of course, mean there is nobody to enforce the majority of parking offences, the ones that are nothing to do with public safety but simply people parking in places the council does not approve of. Never mind, I'm sure life will go on.

FANTASTIC story about burglary victim Yannick Read, who responded to the theft of his £1,000 racing bike by coming up with what surely must be the ultimate anti-theft device.

His gadget not only features a 150-decibel siren, but also a shotgun-style cartridge packed with gunpowder. This means the bike really does go up in smoke if some light-fingered little low-life tries to half-inch it. What's not to like?

What I don't understand, though, is why anyone would spend £1,000 on a bike. Maybe I'm sounding like the dad off the Yellow Pages advert.

DR HENRY Heimlich, who invented the lifesaving Heimlich manoeuvre in 1974, used his own technique for the first time last week.

The 96-year-old performed the procedure on a fellow resident of a care home in Cincinnati.

In the US alone, the manoeuvre is credited with saving 100,000 lives. Oh, and David Walliams used it when Simon Cowell choked on a mint. Swings and roundabouts, I guess.



Under cover: the remains of the Dornier bomber



Conservation centre manager Daren Priday looks inside the plane



Taking shape – a propeller from the Dornier Do 17

New chapter written for the 'Flying Pencil'

SOPHIE MADDEN reports on the restoration of the last surviving Second World War 2 German bomber of its type

AT first glance it looks like an unremarkable warehouse, with lighting strips shining down from the roof to show racks of shelving and cargo covered by dark green tarpaulin.

But underneath the covers lies a piece of Second World War military history.

The remains of the last Dornier Do 17 bomber lie sheltered from the elements as part of a project to conserve them for future generations.

The Germans built 1,500 of the bombers. The one now sitting in the Conservation Centre at RAF Museum Cosford was raised from the bottom of the Strait of Dover in the English Channel almost three years ago.

The Dornier and its many small components were sprayed with a citric acid solution for months in order to clear them of debris from their time under the water. There still remains more work to be done before the plane can go on permanent display.

Materials

On completion, the plane's permanent display will be the first time it has been seen since November, where it was the centre-piece of the museum's Conservation Centre Open Day.

Darren Priday, RAF Museum conservation centre manager, said they were waiting on confirmation from project adviser, Professor Mary Ryan from the Imperial College London, on how best to treat the metal before the aircraft goes on display to the public.

He said: "It is now in the hands of the museum's design and interpretation team to decide how the aircraft should be displayed and what supporting materials should be included in order to tell the story."

The Dornier's twin-engine, twin-fin configuration, together with the narrow fuselage and shoulder-mounted engines, gave the aircraft a distinctive silhouette and earned it the nick-



Workers at RAF Cosford Museum reapplying the cover to protect the aircraft

name 'The Flying Pencil'. More than 400 were employed by the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain in the Second World War.

At the time of the Dornier's recovery, it was unclear just how much of the aircraft could be saved following more than 70 years on the seabed. The process so far has seen the aircraft systematically sprayed – inside purpose-built hydration tunnels – with a low concentration citric acid-based solution.

Confident that the citric acid solution has done its job, the fuselage was removed from the tunnels in early September 2014 and has undergone an intense wash down, before being moved into the Conservation Centre. Techni-

cians then began working on the Dornier full time, cleaning and scraping and removing deposits by hand.

The gradual process of removing the thick layer of marine deposits revealed several bullet holes and shrapnel damage on the airframe, plus small areas of the original paint finish.

The plane was shot down by the RAF on August 26 1940. Part of a large enemy formation, it was intercepted at noon as it tried to attack airfields in Essex.

This particular aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing on Goodwin Sands at low tide after an attack by Defiant fighters of No 264 Sqn that left both engines stopped and

the crew wounded. Now deposits have been removed, conservationists have found bullet holes and shrapnel damage.

While working on some of the smaller components, volunteers also discovered push rods still coated in their original oil and when a pipe was removed from a fuel injection unit, a small amount of fuel was still present.

While smaller components are still receiving conservation treatment, the Dornier's forward fuselage, tail boom and wing have been temporarily covered by tarpaulins.

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My wife and I are proud parents of six children, now all grown up with children of their own, and so occasionally the family complete with wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends and seven grandchildren arrive at the family home for a meal. At any one time

there could be 20 or more for dinner, it's an old East End tradition we kept up when we moved from London.

We have more than enough space, seating, crockery and cutlery to accommodate everyone, and it goes without saying that the pots and pans required would do an army cookhouse proud.

As you can imagine the cleaning and tidying up after everyone has left is an enormous task, and my wife and I attack the issue with gusto, I clean down, and stack, my wife washes up, I then dry and put away, job done.

While we stand and do something

which after nearly 40 years of marriage we are experts at, we talk of the family, discuss the grandchildren, and the progress that our own offspring are making in this brave new world, and always come to the same conclusion, in that we have succeeded in raising our large family with some modicum of success.

Within the hour the family home is back to its pristine state, and we relax in the knowledge that another large family gathering has acquitted itself well.

T LEVY
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Basically, look after yourself, government provides no support and does not care and if you are in any kind of need only charities are there for support. It really is time to let our Government know that we are a compassionate nation and will no longer tolerate this continued assault on those most in need.

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My conversion to the European cause

I HESITATE to quarrel with B K Williams and J Stretton I entirely agree with their strictures on the appalling Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership proposal.

In response to Williams, I would say only that my earlier letter was concerned only to defend the legitimacy of Obama's intervention to clarify US policy. If a Turkish candidate offered himself for election on the basis of a promise that Turks would have a right of entry to the UK, it would be at least the right – and arguably the duty – of the British prime minister to disabuse Turkish voters of any illusion that this would happen. Likewise, Obama has a right, or duty, to correct dubious assertions by Brexit advocates about the US government's probable future actions.

I would also agree with Stretton that Corbyn's conversion to remaining in the EU is probably pragmatic. If he or she is right, I fall under the same condemnation, for I have made an equally pragmatic conversion. In the 1970s, the argument against remaining in what was then called the Common Market was made in clear socialist terms – that it was completely and irrevocably dedicated to capitalism and the interests of bosses.

A T HARRISON
Walsall

Pressure on UK if we stay in

SO David Cameron and Sir Brendan Barber warn us what will happen if we come out of the EU – a threat to jobs, wages, prices, etc.

Don't they mean that this is what will happen if we stay in? After all, their words remind me of the trouble we had after we originally joined back in the 70s. Do you think there will be enough jobs for our own, and do not mention the ever increasingly under pressure NHS and other public resources, over-burdened by the ongoing influx of migration due to the cherished freedom of movement.

I believe leaving the EU will give us a chance to avoid this ongoing and downward spiralling drudgery. And what's more, that chance will be granted without handing a load of money in wages and expenses to a further, unnecessary bunch of politicians, executives and policy people in Brussels. If in doubt get out.

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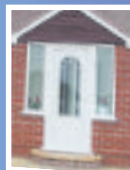
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Jess and Russell Moore with daughter Maggie-Mae, who was delivered in the family car in the Bloxwich Tesco car park

“Maggie-Mae was planned to be a water birth but we never got that far, she was an Asda birth.”

These are the words of beaming Staffordshire dad Russell Moore after he delivered his wife’s baby in the car park of the Asda in Bloxwich, Walsall.

Mr Moore and his wife Jess, aged 25, who live in Cheslyn Hay, welcomed Maggie-Mae into the world last week in the most unconventional of circumstances. This was the second time Mr

Moore had to deliver one of his children after his and Mrs Moore’s first Alfie, now aged two, was born at their Pinfold Lane home.

Speaking exclusively to the Express & Star, Mr Moore was jubilant as he talked up his chances of becoming a midwife after his second successful delivery and admitted he ‘didn’t have time to panic’ the second time around.

On the birth of Maggie-Mae he said: “Obviously I panicked much more the first time but the second time I didn’t have time to panic. It was still frightening I suppose. We were still about two or three miles away from the hos-

pital. She said her waters broke and that’s when I phoned the ambulance. Next thing she said she could feel the head so I swung into ASDA and delivered the baby. Her waters broke about 6.20pm and the baby was probably born about 6.24pm.

“Once she was born I just placed her on Jess, I was on the phone to the ambulance at the time. Two ambulances arrived shortly after and they took Jess and Maggie-Mae to hospital, I followed behind in the car. Jess was all right, she didn’t panic that much but it’s a bit scary I suppose. It was a week after her due date exactly.”

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Children from Salisbury School taking part in the Darlaston Community Festival at All Saints Church in the town

A ONE-DAY festival for the Walsall community has taken place at All Saints Church. The festival was part of a celebration of the range of cultures across the borough.

As well as being awash with colour there was also a range of music featuring African drummers, a reggae band and a Punjabi band. In the run-up to the festival, which took place in Darlaston this past Saturday, various cultural exchange visits have been taking place in the borough. The weekend before last, Muslims visited St Gabriel's church after members of the church visited their mosque.

Gilbert David, the current Reverend of All Saints Church, said: "This was a great opportunity for faith groups and for those of no faith to throw open their doors and welcome each other into our places of worship. Darlaston has an enviable reputation as a town where different communities get on together exceptionally well."

The event was organised by the Walsall Multi-faith Forum and funded by Walsall Housing Group, with the programme of events having been supported by Walsall Council, All Saints Church, local schools, mosques and temples.

Guests on the day were given the opportunity to see a showcase of local arts and take part in crafts activities, meet grassroots enterprises, voluntary and third sector organisations and learn about recruitment opportunities with local employers.

Homeserve team on hand to help bosses of future

BUSINESS leaders from Walsall company HomeServe have been giving their tips to a group of Black Country students to try and help them learn how to succeed in the world of business.

An eight-strong team of HomeServe volunteers was on hand to judge a host of business ideas put forward by pupils from a number of Black Country schools as part of the area finals of the Young Enterprise Company Programme, held recently at Wolverhampton University.

The next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders put over their business ideas, ranging from social enterprises and revision aides to food and fashion.

John Greaves, HomeServe's brand director, said: "As the largest employer in Walsall, we are keen supporters of our local

community and really enjoy giving back, especially when it comes to sharing our business experience with the next generation.

"We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic pool of potential talent right here in the Black Country."

The winning team in this year's regional Young Enterprise final was ReviseWise from Windsor High School with their idea for an online revision hub complete with revision booklets. They will now go on to a regional competition, facing other area winning schools from across the region.

If they are then successful, they will move on to a national final, which will be broadcast on national television.

Kamran Hussain, young enterprise manager for the Black Country, Birmingham and Solihull, said: "The Company Programme is a valuable programme, teaching young people the basics of business – not in a classroom setting, but in a wonderfully entertaining format."

No Hidden generosity from band

A WALSALL band will double up as charity volunteers at an upcoming festival for a cause close to their hearts.

This year's Bands on the Beacon event on July 3 will see Hidden Skies donating their time to help children's charity Acorns Children's Hospice. The rock band, who will headline the event, will be showing their softer side by volunteering on the charity stall when they are not performing on the day.

Lead singer Alexander Lenehan has a personal association to the charity through his mother who works for Acorns in the Black Country, based in Walsall, as a nurse.

Richard Sehdeva, lead guitarist, said: "This charity uses every penny it raises to do some amazing things that are truly life altering."

The band will also be donating some of their profits to the cause.

For more information, or to buy tickets in advance visit http://cms.walsall.gov.uk/bands_on_the_beacon

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Fraudster worked two shifts on wards

A MAN worked two shifts at Walsall's Manor Hospital by pretending to be a qualified health worker able to look after elderly, vulnerable patients.

Moses Okafor, aged 37, admitted fraud between October 20 and October 31 last year and possessing an article for use in fraud on October 30 last year.

He has been locked up for six months and is now facing deportation back to Nigeria. Okafor, of Arlington Road, Yardley Wood, was rumbled when he was assaulted by a 'challenging' patient and after checks were made it was discovered he had been using a false identity to work.

Recorder Abigail Nixon, who presided over the case at Wolverhampton Crown Court, said to Okafor: "Your actions potentially posed a serious risk because you had no idea how to treat those suffering from dementia."

"I do not accept for one moment that you were duped. You knew full well you entered that hospital on a fraudulent basis."

Mr Mark Phillips, prosecuting, said Okafor, a man of previous good character, maintained he had been ex-

By Jack Averty

ploited by others working in what was a "highly organised fraud."

He said Okafor had been handed a legitimate identity card and his own photograph had been stuck on top of a picture of the genuine card holder. "It was clear he had worked at the Manor Hospital on at least two occasions," said Mr Phillips who told the court Okafor insisted he had been paid just £50 for his services.

Miss Saleema Mahmood, defending, said Okafor who had applied for asylum after his visa came to an end had been in a "desperate" situation and he sought the assistance of a friend to find work. He provided a passport photograph, he was then given the official identification card.



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The Leicester Square junction on Newhampton Road in the early 1900s



The Newhampton Road/Kingsland Road junction leading to West Park



This postcard depicts Newhampton Road in the early 1900s

Area is picture perfect in postcards from the past

IT'S hard to believe one of Wolverhampton's most deprived areas was once so picturesque.

These postcards reveal how Whitmore Reans looked in the early 1900s, a world away from how it looks today.

The first picture looks down Newhampton Road at the dead-end spur in the tram tracks, which was the original terminal point when electric trams were first introduced to Whitmore Reans. Trams began running to Leicester Square in 1902, in time for the opening of the Wolverhampton Arts and Industrial Exhibition of that year.

By August 11, 1902, the tram tracks had been extended the entire length of Newhampton Road.

The tracks joined the tram lines on the Tettenhall Road to serve Newbridge, but this through service was a short-lived operation that ended in late 1903.

The incredibly detailed image depicts shops and houses on the left hand side of the road, young schoolboys looking into the

MEMORY LANE

By Nick Humphreys

camera and one of the earliest cars driving into the distance.

The second postcard features clear skies while people travel via horse and carriage and mingle in Leicester Street.

Dave Clare, who runs the Wolverhampton in Old Photos Facebook Group, has accumulated a collection of thousands of postcards depicting Wolverhampton scenery over the last 40 years.

The retired university learning centre manager, aged 66, said: "One is the end of Leicester Road and the other is looking down Newhampton Road.

"They are from about 1905 or 1906, when there was really a boom in postcards. They were done from black and white photographs, with the colour added in afterwards. I think it really brings them to life.

"I suppose beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The thing is, if you go down there

and try and take pictures now, it's so busy. You have to jump in between cars."

He added: "It used to be quite an upper to middle class area in Whitmore Reans, so it looks very different to what it does now.

"A lot of people have commented saying what a lovely area it used to be."

Of the Facebook group, he said: "It's quite a busy group really, we've got about 14,000 members. A lot of people are active on there, having a look at the page every day, liking and commenting on the pictures.

Lovely

"It's good for people to be able to look back on the old days."

Facebook users posted their reminiscences about the Whitmore Reans of old. David Langford said: "It was a lovely place when I was young." Sue Morey agreed, saying: "What a lovely area Whitmore Reans was."

Ann Cunio added: "Loved growing up there spent all the summer holidays in the West Park."



Newhampton Road, Whitmore Reans how it looks today

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VIOLENT and 'sexually motivated' killer Steven Beards has been jailed for 33 years for raping and murdering a vulnerable Walsall student while his wife was found guilty of her manslaughter.

A jury convicted the 34-year-old, formerly of Rowland Avenue but later of no fixed address, after less than four hours of deliberation.



Susan Whiting

He was made to wait to find out what his punishment was until they had determined the fate of his wife Julie Beards, 36. And by a majority of ten to two, they concluded Julie Beards, who has learning difficulties, was guilty of manslaughter in relation to 20-year-old Susan Whiting, but found her not guilty of murdering the victim under joint enterprise with her husband. They also indicated they were unlikely to reach a conclusive verdict on a rape charge against Julie and were subsequently discharged on that count. Her sentencing has been adjourned until a later date.

Miss Whiting, who had a learning impairment, was found dead under a divan bed at Julie's bungalow in Heather Close, Bloxwich on Tuesday, August 18 last year, after visiting two days earlier for a sleepover.

She had been drugged with hypnotic sleeping agent Zopiclone, then raped by Steven who strangled her and delivered three fatal hammer blows to the young woman's head. Steven maintained his innocence despite substantial evidence against him including his DNA on the murder weapon.

When taking the stand at Leicester Crown Court, he claimed another person could have entered the home to kill Miss Whiting and frame him using a pot of his semen he kept in the bathroom.

Youngsters dancing for joy



Winning members of the Next Generation Dance group, from left, Xienna Fletcher, aged five, Skye Brown, five and Isabelle Hale, 12

A DANCE group from Willenhall are celebrating after a host of medals were won in a recent competition. The Next Generation School of Dance, who train at The Chart Centre in Gomer Street, came first in 23 competitions at the Stourport dance championships.

As well as this, 15 finished in second place, eight in third and 17 in fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Since next generation has opened its doors, the group have been asked to participate in three Let's Dance theatre shows, taken part in two exclusive VIP red carpet events, including a New Year's Eve extravaganza and working with the Willenhall Ay We! group. They have also attended lectures and been

asked to participate in the local carnivals to showcase their talent.

Trained by Lauren Fletcher and Sophie Eaton-Lees, the kids have been 'working hard week-in-week-out' and the pair are both 'very proud'. Lauren said: "We took home a massive total of 63 trophies between the dancers which is a huge achievement."

The school offers disco free style dancing for those aged three and above as well as rock 'n' roll, street, slow and contemporary, fitness and show classes.

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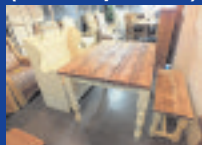


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Hilarity for charity at Grand night out

WOLVERHAMPTON'S own comedy group Pappy's, stars of TV series *Badults*, are among a stellar line-up of top comics performing at the Hilarity Charity Gala 2016.

Comedy sketch trio Pappy's are Matthew Crosby, Ben Clark and Tom Parry, with Ben and Tom both being former members of Central Youth Theatre.

The trio have enjoyed four years of sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and were Chortle Award winners in 2008 and 2013.

They found national fame with their BBC3 series *Badults*, which is now available on Netflix, an anarchic comedy about the misadventures of three flatmates.

Podcast

Pappy's also have a popular podcast called *Bangers And Mash* available via their www.pappyscomedy.com website. Central Youth Theatre is hosting its third Hilarity Charity Gala at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Monday when a host of comedians, many familiar from top TV shows, present a rib-tickling night to raise money for the theatre group.

The line-up includes Birmingham stand-up Joe Lycett from 8 out of 10 Cats, Live at the Apollo, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and Celebrity Juice. Joe is a former Chortle Student Comedian of the Year and has been a guest for Scott Mills, Greg James and



Home gig in Wolverhampton for Pappy's comedy group as part of the Hilarity Gala

Nick Grimshaw on BBC Radio 1 and one of Radio 4's Just A Minute panel.

Also performing will be Adam Riches from *Horrible Histories* and *The Detectorists*; Nish Kumar from *Have I Got News For You* and Russell Howard's *Stand Up Central*; Spencer Jones of sit-com *Upstart Crow*; Ivo Graham of BBC Radio 5 Live's *Fight-*

ing Talk and ITV's *Elevenish*; and the evening will again be compered by Perrier award winner Daniel Kitson.

This year's gala is aiming to raise funds for the group's move into a new home in the former Co-Operative building opposite the Grand in Lichfield Street. Tickets are priced £17.50 and £22.50. Call (01902) 429212.

Clare and all that jazz

AWARD-WINNING jazz singer, Radio 2 presenter and former Wolverhampton student Clare Teal will be accompanied by her 16-piece Hollywood Orchestra, led by top arranger and trumpeter Guy Barker, in concert at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Sunday.

The UK's Queen of Swing will present *Twelve O'Clock Tales*, based around her latest album, because she says every song has a tale to tell, and as the midnight hour falls so do barriers to innermost thoughts and desires.

Her repertoire will include classics from the Great American and British Songbooks with music from Cole Porter, Billy Strayhorn, Rodgers and Hammerstein to Tim Rice and Sting.

Clare became a familiar voice on radio as presenter of BBC Radio 2's *Big Band Special*. The Skipton lass discovered jazz via her grandmother's record collection and studied music at Wolverhampton Polytechnic (now university) before entering show business singing jingles. She has been associated with *Big Band Special* for 12 years.

Talking about her new album *Twelve O'Clock Tales*, which features the prestigious Hallé Orchestra, Clare said: "This is our most ambitious project to date and being accompanied by the Hallé is an absolute privilege. To be in a room surrounded by 93 incredibly talented musicians wondrously lifting these stunning arrangements right off the page before your eyes makes for a great day out - to actually then add your own voice to the story is a dream come true."

"We're thrilled to be releasing *Twelve O'Clock Tales* on our own label. It's truly liberating to be in control of what you want to record."

Tickets for Sunday's Grand concert range from £18 to £28. See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call (01902) 429212.



'This is our most ambitious project to date'

One night only in concert line-up

THERE is a star-studded line-up for a series of one night concerts at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre (also see above).

Tonight (Thursday) the nation's Nancy, Oliver! star Jodie Prenger, is searching for romance in New York in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's *Tell Me On A Sunday*. *Soul Legends* on Friday features guest George 'Rock Your Baby' McCrae then 'People's Tenor' Russell Watson is in concert on Saturday. Clive John conjures 'the Man in Black' in the Johnny Cash Roadshow on Tuesday. Comedian Stu Francis, singer Maggie O'Hara and Steve Barclay as Max Miller are in *Music Hall Memories* on Wednesday.

Opera celebrates with Cav and Pag

WELSH National Opera is making a return visit to Birmingham Hippodrome to celebrate its 70th birthday with the classics *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci*.

The double bill of *Cav & Pag*, sung in Italian with English surtitles, will be at the Hippodrome on Thursday and Saturday, June 9 and 11. Each opera packs lots of drama and powerful music into just over an hour.

On Friday, June 10, WNO perform *In Parenthesis*, British composer Iain Bell's adaptation of the epic poem by David Jones about First World War soldiers who enter a magical wood amid the horrors of the Somme.

Singer Corinne's creative rebirth

CORINNE Bailey Rae was worried about not bringing out a record in six years. "I think you have to remind fans of who you are, no matter the length of gap," she says. "But I do feel really lucky the people who follow my music have kept in touch. I feel like there's still a good connection there."

Sophisticated new record *The Heart Speaks In Whispers* charts Bailey Rae's creative and personal rebirth following the death in 2008 of her husband, saxophonist Jason Rae.

She plays Birmingham Barclaycard Arena on July 7 as support to Lionel Richie before V Festival in August.

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Griff Rhys Jones

All New It'll Be Alright on the Night (TV, 9pm)

Griff Rhys Jones returns to showcase another selection of hilarious film and TV outtakes rescued from the cutting-room. Among the stars whose gaffes are highlighted in this edition are Elton John, David Beckham and Ricky Gervais, and fumbled takes from the sets of Coronation Street, Mr Selfridge and EastEnders also make an appearance. Plus, mistakes from The One Show demonstrate the perils of live TV, and Jeremy Kyle has a painful encounter with a stray camera.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Athletics. **12.40** Athletics: Diamond League Rome Highlights. **1.40** Boxing: Women's World Championships. **2.40** Flog It! (R) **3.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.20** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **5.40** Can't Touch This.

6.30 BBC News.**6.40 Regional Programme.**

6.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a star-studded version of the general knowledge quiz.

7.40 The National Lottery: In It To Win It. Quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Plus, Ore Oduba presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws.

8.30 The Musketeers. Paris is on the brink of starvation, prompting Grimaud and Feron to join forces with the Duke of Beaufort to win the King's business. However, to further their scheme, they must first frame the city's refugees for stealing much sought-after grain. As the conspirators' scapegoats are locked up in the Châtelet to await execution, D'Artagnan's hot temper also lands him a cell, and with one of their own now behind bars, the Musketeers race to secure the release of those who have been wrongly imprisoned. Meanwhile, spirited refugee Sylvie catches Athos' eye, vowing to prove her friends' innocence, but is he wise to trust her?

9.25 Casualty. Elle is pressed into a corner by Hansen, who wants to know who has been stealing drugs. After a shocking discovery, she is forced to choose between the good of the department and the people in it. Robyn and David's morality tale proves a success, Rita pushes Iain away until a threatening incident makes her seek his help, and Cal urges Iain to try flirting with a patient, but his efforts go disastrously wrong.

10.25 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.45 Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance. (1995) Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis.

12.45 Film: The Children. (2008) **2.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: Finishing School. (1934) **7.20** Film: Hue and Cry. (1947) **8.40** Film: The Island at the Top of the World. (1974) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Hottest Bakers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **1.00** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **1.30** Film: Pal Joey. (1957) Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **3.20** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **4.20** This Week's World. **5.00** UEFA Euro 2017 Qualifier, England v Serbia (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don reports on progress in his cutting garden and, now that plants are growing apace, gets on with seasonal maintenance tasks in the jewel garden. Frances Tophill continues her vegetable trials at RHS Rosemoor in Devon, when she plants out her allotment with the help of volunteers. Plus, a visit to Bodnant Garden in north Wales to find out how its volunteers are guiding visitors through the world famous Laburnum Arc. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon takes part in an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R)

8.30 Film: Alice in Wonderland. (2010) A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical land, having forgotten her previous adventures. She finds the tyrannical Red Queen has begun a reign of terror that can only be ended by slaying the monstrous Jabberwocky – a task she is seemingly destined to attempt. Tim Burton's fantasy adventure based on Lewis Carroll's novels, starring Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway.

10.10 QI XL. Extended edition. The Rev Richard Coles, Sara Pascoe, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's questions on L-themed larks – a "Liblable", as he calls it.

10.55 Versailles. Period drama depicting the decadent and turbulent early reign of Louis XIV. In the first edition, the young monarch seeks to assert his authority. George Blagden stars; (R) Inside Versailles.

11.55 Film: You Will Be My Son. (2011) Drama, with Nils Arestrup.

1.35 Film: Quatermass 2. (1957) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.**6.15 ITV News; Weather.**

6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

7.00 Bang on the Money. Rickie Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odomoo host the final edition of the high-precision game show. This time, "The Arc Angels" from Northampton take on Mr England, Mr Birmingham and Miss Basingstoke, known collectively as "The Pageant People". The two teams battle it out to hit a specific target number "bang on" in a series of physical and mental challenges, and at the end of the contest, the most successful group could win up to £40,000. Last in the series.

8.00 You Saw Them Here First. The TV debuts of some of Britain's best-known faces.

9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night. Griff Rhys Jones introduces more TV and film outtakes, including gaffes by Elton John, David Beckham and Ricky Gervais, and fumbled takes from Coronation Street and EastEnders.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Secrets of Growing Old. Documentary unravelling the secrets of ageing, including the changing attitudes to "growing old", with examples of people who defy preconceptions of what it means to be "old". (R)

11.20 Film: Carry On Cleo. (1964) A captured Briton is mistaken for a heroic swordsman and given the job of protecting Julius Caesar from assassins. Comedy, with Amanda Barrie.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Transylvania Ultramarathon. **7.10** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Derby Day Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Derby: Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Including the feature race at 4.30. **5.00** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.

6.00 Homes by the Med. Charlie Luxton returns to Spain to explore the Costa del Sol, one of the most-visited sections of the Andalusian coastline. While there, he meets a couple who have built an extraordinary modern home that is designed like a cruise ship, but on dry land. Previously seen on More4.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.15 The Restoration Man. Architect Geoff Clarke helps restoration novices Marco and Kath Walker, who have bought a pair of 17th and 18th-century cow barns in Wellington, Herefordshire. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Stephen Yeoman and Anita Findlay, who want to build a cutting-edge, post-industrial house covered in rusty metal. However, their prominent riverside plot in the traditional and architecturally conservative area of South Downs means everyone will be watching. The project proves to be a real rollercoaster when the fitting of the rusty steel cladding goes wrong, cash flow problems threaten to bring work to a halt, and the couple announce that a baby is on the way. (R)

9.00 Film: 12 Years a Slave. (2013) Premiere. A free black man living in pre-Civil War New York is abducted and sold into slavery. He spends the next 12 years struggling to survive and maintain his dignity in the face of brutal treatment, while clinging to a desperate hope that he can return to his family. Oscar-winning historical drama based on Solomon Northup's autobiographical book, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor.

11.45 Film: Colombiana. (2011)

1.40 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.50** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.25** Police Interceptors: Fast & Furious. (R) **5.25** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple who owe five months' rent on a flat in an affluent suburb of London, and later hit a snag when they try to seize a taxi over a £3,000 debt. In Bristol, county court bailiff Steve Wood finds out that unpaid rent is not the only problem when he attempts to repossess a corner shop. (R)

7.25 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up. One-off edition in which the High Court enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes, including a debt-dodging man who pushes his panic-stricken mother over the edge. Plus, a family booted onto the streets at night by a ruthless aunt, and a man who won't engage with the agents and loses his car. (R)

8.20 5 News Weekend.

8.30 NCIS. The team suspects Gibbs's arch-nemesis is behind an explosion at a summit on global terror. Meanwhile, a grief-stricken Fornell struggles to deal with the fatal shooting of his ex-wife. American drama, starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette and Joe Spano.

9.25 NCIS. A covert identity created for one of Gibbs' undercover cases 20 years previously resurfaces after a murder victim is found to be using the alias. Meanwhile, Bishop becomes anxious at the thought of having to work incognito in the future. Starring Mark Harmon and Emily Wickham.

10.20 NCIS: Los Angeles. A marine is thought to have killed himself after falling to his death from a rooftop bar, but Sam and Callen are brought in to re-evaluate the case after an appeal from his family. (R)

11.15 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a woman is shot dead in an apartment. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Francesco's Venice **8.00** D-Day: The Last Heroes **9.00** The Disappearance **10.45** The Richest Songs in the World **12.15** Biggest Band Break Ups and Make Ups **1.15** Top of the Pops: 1981 **2.25** The Richest Songs in the World **3.55** Close ITV2

2.10 FYI Daily **2.15** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.00** Film: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** Film: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **4.45** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.40** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.15** The Cleveland Show **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Planet's Funniest Animals **ITV3**

11.20 Hidden Treasure **1.25** Lewis **3.25** Rosemary & Thyme **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Colditz **12.00** Bouquet of Barb Wire **1.05** Northern Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**

11.00 Cycling: Tour Series Highlights **12.00** TT 2016: Steve and James' TT Road Trip **1.00** TT 2016: Qualifying Highlights **2.00** BRCC Formula 3 Highlights **3.00** Counting Cars **3.30** Storage Wars **5.30** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **5.45** Live French Open Tennis. **7.00** TT 2016: Sidecar Superstars **8.00** TT 2016: Hutchy Miracle Man **9.00** TT 2016: Superbike TT Race **10.00** Film: Road (2014) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: Road (2014) **12.15** Film: Fastest (2011) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20** Film: Fastest (2011) **1.35** Highway Patrol **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**

11.30 How I Met Your Mother **12.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Film: Rio (2011) **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Predator (1987) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.15** Rude Tube **2.20** The Inbetweeners **3.15** Gogglebox **4.05** Angie Tribeca **4.25** New Girl **Film4**

11.00 3:10 to Yuma (1957) **1.00** New in Town (2009) **2.50** Rat Race (2001) **5.00** Parental Guidance (2012) **7.05** Vice Versa (1988) **9.00** Welcome to the Punch (2013) **11.00** Watchmen (2009) **2.10** Night of the Creeps (1986) **4.00** Close

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Soccer Aid 2016 (ITV, 6pm)
Coverage of the big game in aid of Unicef, which sees footballing heroes team up with celebrities for an England v Rest of the World match live from Old Trafford. Robbie Williams takes a step back from the pitch this time around, instead choosing to be Jose Mourinho's assistant manager, with help from Sunderland boss Sam Allardyce and coach Bradley Walsh. Their England team features former professionals such as David Seaman, Jamie Carragher and Robbie Fowler, plus stars including Jack Whitehall, Ollie Murs, Paddy McGuinness and John Bishop. Leicester City coach Claudio Ranieri manages the opposing side, which calls upon Ronaldinho, Dimitar Berbatov and other pros, lining up with captain Michael Sheen and a squad featuring Gordon Ramsay and Nicky Byrne.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.15** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix. The Birmingham Grand Prix. **4.30** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Anita Ran present the show from Scotland's Montrose Basin, an internationally important location for wild fowl. Anita ventures out onto the treacherous mud flats, while Matt visits the site of the UK's first air base, where enthusiasts are building replica First World War biplane. Naomi Wilkinson looks for golden eagles and other wildlife in Glenesh, and Adam Henson meets a dog psychologist. Tom Heap reports on how the result of the EU referendum could affect the British countryside. Including Weather For The Week Ahead. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team return to Chenies Manor, near Amersham in Buckinghamshire, where members of the public bring along treasured antiques and collectibles. A young woman chooses a 21st birthday present from a collection of pocket watches kept in a biscuit tin and a train set that has been in its box for 70 years finally sees the light of day. Fiona reads a letter from a soldier to be opened in the event of his death, the relatives of a glassblower pay a moving tribute to their father's work and the update feature focuses on an ornate French plant stand first seen on the show in 1991. (R) **9.00** Wallander. The detective takes on his most challenging case as he searches for Linda's father-in-law. Last in the series. **10.30** BBC News. **10.50** Regional Programme. **11.00** Duran Duran at Eden. Alex Jones and Patrick Kielty introduce highlights of the band's concert for BBC Music Day from the Eden Project's biomes. **12.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.05** This Farming Life. (R) **8.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.00** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.30** Film: How the West Was Won. (1962) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Gymnastics: Women's European Championships. **6.00** Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. The Red Arrows continue to have bad luck with the weather. The RAF's fastest jet appears in a display over Bournemouth and the pilots receive some shocking news. Last in the series. (R) **7.00** Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure. Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain retrace a journey taken by three men from Detroit during the 1940s, embarking on a 4,000-mile pan-American adventure. (R) **8.00** Top Gear. Chris, Matt and Eddie take Shariel Spiteri, Seacisk Steve and Tine Tempah on an SUV test in South Africa, and Damian Lewis is this week's Star in a Rallycross Car. **9.00** City in the Sky. New series. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry present a documentary exploring aviation, beginning with a look at the challenges of getting passenger planes into the air. **10.05** Top Gear Extra Gear. New series. Spin-off going behind the scenes on the motoring series. Sabine Schmitz presents a tour of her racing workshop, and comedian Chris Ramsey joins the team in the studio. **10.30** Stupid Man, Smart Phone. Russell Kane turns to his phone for help in climbing the Dolomite Mountains of Italy accompanied by internet star Humza Arshad, who has rarely set foot outside of London. **11.20** Flat TV. Tom is obsessed with his new neighbour and ends up breaking into her home, while Naz invents a new sauce. **11.45** Later... with Jools Holland. Extended edition of the music programme, featuring performances by Tame Impala, Biffy Clyro, Michael Kiwanuka, Moon Hooch, James Blake and Lera Lynn. Last in the series. (R) **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.40** Holy City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.50** ITV News: Weather. **12.00** Planet's Got Talent. (R) **12.50** French Open Tennis. Coverage of the 15th day's play at Roland Garros, featuring the men's singles final in the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, which will be won by Stan Wawrinka last year. **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.50** ITV News: Weather. **6.00** Soccer Aid 2016. Jose Mourinho and Claudio Ranieri manage the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Fraud - How They Steal Your ID. Criminals are increasingly procuring bank and credit card details from online customers, which are then freely traded on the so-called 'dark web'. However, as this programme reveals, to succeed in doing this they must first get personal with their targets using a combination of data hacks, spam e-mail and malware - often coupled by posing as inquisitive bank staff via telephone calls. With reference to true-life occurrences, this programme outlines the various techniques used to swindle account holders of their cash. Narrated by Shaun Dooley. (R) **11.20** Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Dropping tokens down a choice of four chutes, they hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect, the greater the prize fund. The player who has won the least amount is then eliminated, and the last one standing competes for a £10,000 jackpot. (R) **12.20** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. Action from Donington Park. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Salvage SOS. **6.25** Salvage SOS. **6.50** Salvage SOS. **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** Film: Step Up 3. (2010) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. **3.05** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **5.05** Film: The Jungle Book. (1967) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris. **6.35** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Escape to the Chateau. New series: Following a British family that buys a French chateau over the course of a year, as they restore the building after 40 years of standing empty, Dick Strawbridge and his partner Angel Adoree's new home has 12 acres of land, nine outbuildings, a walled garden and a moat - but it also has no electricity, heating or water, and proves to be a far more complicated DIY project than expected. **8.00** Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. New series. The actress travels around the country to visit the Queen's official residences and meet people with royal appointments. The journey begins in Windsor Castle, where she finds out about Britain's oldest order of chivalry, meets the Royal Herb Strewer and unearths a box of treasure dating back to Elizabeth I. She also takes a trip up the Thames in the gilded barge Gloriana. **9.00** Film: About Time. (2013) Premiere. A single man gets the chance to turn his unhappy life around when his father reveals that they both have the ability to travel through time and change their personal history. He uses his newfound talent to try to improve his love life and win the heart of a man whose love life he has fallen for. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams and Bill Nighy. **11.25** Film: Bad Teacher. (2011) A cynical, hard-drinking teacher hopes to seduce a wealthy substitute, making an enemy of a squeaky-clean colleague in the process. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Justin Timberlake. **1.10** Million Pound Properties. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Win It Cook It. **5.00** The Restoration Man. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Babel and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** Lazy Town. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Funniest Fails, Fails & Frops. (R) **11.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **12.00** Film: See No Evil, Hear No Evil. (1989) Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder. **1.50** Film: Spies Like Us. (1985) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase and Dan Aykroyd. **3.45** Film: Wayne's World. (1992) Comedy, starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **5.40** Film: Six Days Seven Nights. (1998) A bickering journalist and pilot are stranded on a desert island, and face a series of dangers as they struggle to survive. Romantic adventure, with Harrison Ford and Anne Heche. Edited for language, nudity and sexual content. **7.40** Film: PS I Love You. (2007) Widowed Holly feels she cannot cope following the death of her husband. However, on her birthday, she receives a letter he wrote to her just before he died, encouraging her to live life to the full rather than languish in sorrow. This is just the first in a series of messages, each one sending her on wild misadventures and helping her to move on. Romantic drama based on Cecelia Aherm's novel, starring Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler and Lisa Kudrow. **10.00** Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2015. Countdown of the biggest showbusiness stories and scandals of 2015, including Bruce Jenner's transition to Caitlyn and the Top Gear bust-up involving Jeremy Clarkson. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and live chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Inside the Murder Prison. Journalist Paul Connolly revisits footage from his investigations into some of the most intimidating prisons in the world. (R) **4.00** Shops & Robbers: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis meets a seasoned CCTV operator in Stafford, who catches a drug user after spotting him on camera. Plus, a control room operative looking out for shoplifters in Woking. (R) **4.50** Nick's Trick. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Good Swan. Bad Swan: Dancing Swan Lake. **8.00** Perfect Pianists at the BBC. **9.00** Secret Voices of Hollywood. **10.30** Film: Storyville: Blackfish - The Whale that Killed (2013) **11.50** Natural World Special: Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq. **12.50** Stonehenge: A Timewatch Guide. **1.50** Andrew Marr on Churchill: Blood, Sweat and Oil Paint. **2.50** Good Swan. Bad Swan: Dancing Swan Lake. **3.50** Close. **ITV2**
11.25 Take Me Out. **12.35** Love Island. **1.05** Film: Beethoven (1992) **2.05** FYI Daily. **2.10** Film: Beethoven (1992) **2.50** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **3.50** FYI Daily. **3.55** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.45** Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **5.45** FYI Daily. **5.50** Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **6.55** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **7.55** FYI Daily. **8.00** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **9.00** Love Island. **10.00** Family Guy. **11.00** American Dad! **12.00** The Cleveland Show. **1.00** Film: Tom's Bonkers Guinness World Records. **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals. **2.20** Teleshopping. **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen. **ITV3**
12.00 Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **2.00** Lewis. **6.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.05** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **11.05** FYI Daily. **11.10** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **12.40** Secret Smile. **2.00** Blue Murder. **2.50** May the Best House Win. **4.30** On the Buses. **5.30** Judge Judy. **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen. **ITV4**
11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. **5.40** Live French Open Tennis. **8.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine. **9.00** TT 2016: Sidecar TT Race. **1.00** Life on the Limit. **11.10** FYI Daily. **11.15** Life on the Limit. **12.15** TT 2016: Sidecar TT Race. **1.15** Hell on Wheels. **2.15** Tommy Cooper. **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen. **3.00** Teleshopping. **E4**
1.30 The Big Bang Theory. **6.30** Film: Twilight (2008) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **10.00** Tattoo Fixations. **11.00** The Inbetweeners. **12.10** Gogglebox. **2.15** The 100. **3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **Film4**
1.00 Magic in the Water (1995) **3.05** That Dam Cat (1997) **5.00** Adams Family Values (1993) **6.35** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) **9.00** The American (2010) **11.05** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995) **1.10** The Wind Rises (2013) **3.45** Close



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FILM CHOICES

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Fatal Fiance, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman joins forces with a reporter to clear the name of her fiancé, who has become the prime suspect in a murder case. However, not everything is as it seems. Thriller, starring Jenny Wade, Jordi Vilasuso and Taylor Cole. (2016)

TUESDAY

Columbo: Double Exposure, ITV, 11.55pm

A maker of motivational films based on subliminal messages uses his expertise to plant a subconscious command in the mind of a rival to lure him to his death. However, any hopes of his getting away with it are dashed by the arrival of a certain shabby sleuth. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Robert Culp, Robert Middleton, Louise Latham and Arlene Martel. (1973)

WEDNESDAY

Bond of Silence, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman searches for answers after her husband is mysteriously murdered while trying to subdue a wild teenage house party on New Year's Eve. However, as she tries to find out the truth, she faces secrecy at every turn from the party-goers and their parents. Drama, starring Kim Raver, Greg Grunberg and Charlie McDermott. (2010)



Back to the Future Part III, Friday, ITV, 11pm

THURSDAY

Taken Back: Finding Haley, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman whose daughter goes missing spends years obsessing over finding her. She meets a girl who she becomes convinced is her child, and tries to prove that her parents are in fact kidnappers. However, when she cannot find any evidence, she resorts to an abduction of her own. Thriller, starring Moira Kelly and Amanda Tapping. (2012)

FRIDAY

Back to the Future Part III, ITV, 11pm

Time-travelling teenager Marty McFly is transported back to the days of the Wild West, where he strives to save his eccentric scientist friend Doc Brown from death at the hands of a villainous gunslinger. Final instalment in the sci-fi comedy trilogy, starring Michael J Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Mary Steenburgen and Thomas F Wilson. (1990)

The home nation will hope to be on the ball

It's finally time for the big kick-off, and as is customary the host nation gets proceedings under way tonight at the Stade de France.

If you thought that the pressure was high on this side of the Channel, spare a thought for Didier Deschamps French side who go into the tournament as favourites and with the hopes of an expectant nation on their shoulders.

The signs look good though – over the years, the hosts tend to perform well at the Euros, and the French have been victorious in each of the last two major tournaments that they have hosted, winning the European Championships back in 1984 and the World Cup in 1998.

Their current side is strong defensively, formidable in midfield with Paul Pogba, and rife with speedy attacking options.

The one thing they are perhaps missing is a true No.9, as Karim Benzema is suspended from international play.

One of France's greatest ever players, Thierry Henry, is confident

that the hosts will be at the national stadium in Paris when the winner is decided in exactly one month's time.

He told Sky Sports: "This is the big one for us. This is the big one for Deschamps and the big one for the team.

"We all know it is not easy to win a tournament at home, but we have done it twice. "We have won the Euros in 1984 and the World Cup in 1998 so we have a history of usually winning it when we have the tournament at home.

"France has a good team. The only thing I will say is we haven't played an official game for a long time, so that might be the question mark about the team at the moment.

"I think we have a great team and I'm not saying that because I am French, but I do think they have one of the best teams in Europe.

"I'll tip them to win and I hope they will."

First up for Les Bleus, who also triumphed at Euro 2000 in the Netherlands and Belgium, are Group A rivals Romania.

The Tricolorii were defensively the best team in qualifying, conceding just two goals, but they were also the least prolific team that qualified, scoring just 11, so the French may have their work cut out breaking down their opponents this evening.

The tournament itself has been expanded to 24 teams this year, with matches taking place in 10 different host cities.

As far as the TV coverage goes, the BBC and ITV have split it down the middle once again.

Mark Pougatch has proven to be good replacement for previous ITV anchor Adrian Chiles, and the broadcaster has gone all out with its French theme for the Euros.

Promotional work has been done by Eric Cantona, while Emmanuel Petit, Christian Karembou and Louis Saha have all joined the punditry team.

Ian Wright is also on the team, along with West Ham boss Slaven Bilic.

There is also a return to commentary on ITV for Andy Townsend after a year-long absence.



France take on Romania in Euro 2016, Friday, ITV, 7.15pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Reg

BBC1, 9pm

Jimmy McGovern is the writer who brought us the powerful dramas Hillsborough and Sunday, which was based on the events of Bloody Sunday. Now, he's tackling another real-life story, that of Reg Keys (Tim Roth), who in 2003 received the devastating news that his son Tom had been killed in Iraq. As his wife Sally (Anna Maxwell Martin) struggles with her grief, Reg tries to make sense of what has happened, and discovers that three weeks prior to Tom's death, the army had ordered a scale-down in weapons and communications. Convinced this was a mistake on the military's part, Reg makes the decision to stand as an independent candidate in opposition to the Iraq War in the next General Election – and he's going to do it in the constituency of Sedgfield, where he will be running against Prime Minister Tony Blair.

TUESDAY

Big Brother: Live Launch

Channel 5, 9pm

Emma Willis ushers in another diverse group of fame-seeking individuals who have been chosen to spend their summer invading the nation's living rooms. This year, the house has been made over

into a stark monochrome world. However, while everything may appear black and white, the new residents will not be alone – they will be under attack from a dark, unseen force designed to have a divisive effect on the entire housemates as they fall victim to paranoia and suspicion.

WEDNESDAY

Power Monkeys

Channel 4, 10pm

New series. Spin-off from the highly acclaimed comedy series Ballot Monkeys, following both sides of the EU referendum, along with prominent international politicians on Donald Trump's campaign plane and inside Vladimir Putin's Presidential office. Creators Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin highlight the follies and foibles of contemporary politics, writing much of the show in the hours leading up to transmission.

THURSDAY

DIY SOS: The Big Build

BBC1, 8pm

Let's face it, this occasional series holds few surprises these days. Each edition is basically the

same – a family struggling to cope in difficult circumstances has their living environment (and possibly their very existence) transformed by Nick Knowles and his team of property experts, with help from the local community. Despite this lack of diversity, viewers always end up shedding buckets of tears at the end – and it's this emotional impact that keeps us coming back for more. In recent months, there have been variations on the theme, with Princes William and Harry getting involved in creating new homes for war veterans, but we're expecting this edition to play out as usual. So, don't forget those handkerchiefs!

New Blood

BBC1, 9pm

Anthony Horowitz's writing career has been one of mostly outstanding success, so when it was revealed that he was penning a new seven-part drama for the BBC, critics and fans alike couldn't wait to



Big Brother: Live Launch, Tuesday, Channel 5, 9pm

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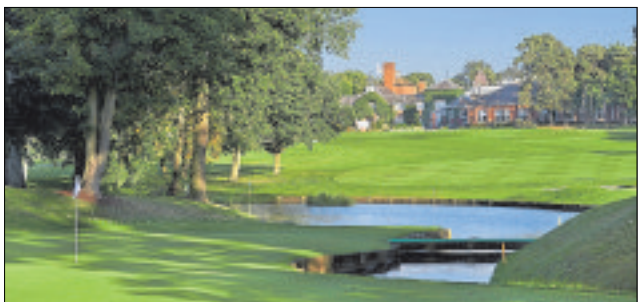
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AS a novice golfer I can't pretend that I did not feel humbled as we made our way up the sweeping driveway to the famous Belfry Hotel & Resort.

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With just a few golf lessons under my belt – so no Rory McIlroy – I was way out of my depth. But there was no way I was going to miss the chance to say that I had actually played at the Belfry. Of course it is not just golf that would attract you to this superb hotel at Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, its tourism awards are well earned.

Do not be intimidated by its name and reputation, grand as it is, it has a knack of making you feel right at home. My husband and I arrived one Friday afternoon and after looking around realised just how much this holiday resort has to offer.

Of course there is the world-famous golf –

Sue Attwater tees off

more of that later – but there is so much more to attract the whole family. There are no shortage of activities and places to eat for the young ones and a nightclub across the drive for the slightly older ones. For the woman in your life – and the sport is becoming more popular with the fairer sex – there is also the spa.

You must treat yourself to a champagne tea, the ultimate in luxury. Our charming waiter James supplied us with a wonderful tiered stand full of sandwiches and cakes – it was like being at the Ritz.

We were saving the golf until the following morning so on the Friday we headed for the relaxing spa with the Fire and Ice Experience – 90 minutes of sheer bliss and if you are brave enough the ice cold bucket experience. He did, I didn't and I was quite glad after seeing the shocked look on his face.

Totally relaxed, we sat on the balcony and watched as the more experienced golfers

tackle the 18th hole on the PGA course. It was easy to relax in the sumptuous room – the lady on reception said we would go 'wow' when we saw it and she was not wrong. The bedroom area was huge with a large en suite and dressing area and adjoining living room. Then, to step out onto the huge veranda with the lovely views – this is the life!

Nightclub

Time to settle there with a glass of wine and watch the others tackle the course and maybe get some tips for the morning. Relaxed and changed we headed off to the Ryder Grill restaurant for a delicious a la carte meal and I could forget the calories as I would work them off on the course the next morning.

Afterwards, if you fancy strutting your stuff, just pop across to the very popular Bel Air Nightclub & Lounge. Entrance is included in many weekend packages. Then after breakfast that was it – what I was waiting for. We headed out to the Derby golf course, the only one of the three where you don't need to have

a handicap. As I explained when booking my only handicap was that I couldn't play!

There is also a driving range if you want to try out your skills first. For the little ones there is a small course that replicates some of the famous holes – like the one at Kiawah Island from the 1991 Ryder Cup.

The site has three full courses: The Brabazon, Ryder Cup in 1985, 1989, 1993 and 2002, PGA National, another for experienced players only and the third course The Derby the one we played.

It is available to all standards of players and is roughly 1,000 yards shorter than the other two. Even so, the full 18 holes are a big test of skills and stamina but we did both manage a par on one of the holes. I have not stopped raving about it since!

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Stunning and spacious home new to the market

This stunning spacious and individually-designed three-bedroomed detached bungalow in High Hill, Essington, has just joined the property market, being for sale through Goodchilds at £324,995 with no chain.

Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the size of the property on offer and also get the feel of the light and airy rooms.

The dining room could easily seat eight people and has French doors that open onto the paved area of the rear garden in the summer months.

It also leads on to the recently fully fitted kitchen which cost over £25,000 and includes coffee machine amongst all other integrated appliances you would expect in a high end kitchen, such as granite worktops and floors.

The deceptive garage opens up to be almost double width at the back, and the driveway accommodates far more vehicles than the average sized drive. When the property was extended all the doors were widened for easy access and a modern wet room has been installed.

All bedrooms have large fitted wardrobes meaning the large bedrooms do not become small when you have to put a wardrobe in afterwards, like many other properties, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

The village location also means you are over the road from fields to walk down, enjoying a fantastic rural walk through fields. The bungalow is also within walking distance of local fishing and duck pools.

A must view, this very well presented and extended three-bedroomed detached bungalow is well maintained

With double glazing and gas central heating, in more detail it has an entrance porch leading to an entrance hall, a lounge, kitchen, bedroom two, bedroom three and a family bathroom.

The lounge has French doors opening out to the rear and a feature stone clad chimney breast with a gas fire.

The master bedroom has a built-in wardrobe and the en-suite wet room with a heated towel rail. Bedroom two has a bow window overlooking the frontage and a built-in wardrobe, as does bedroom three.

KEY FEATURES

- Detached bungalow
- Master bedroom with wet room
- Gated off road parking
- Fantastic kitchen
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The rear garden has a patio area and lawn. The agents stress that this property needs to be viewed.

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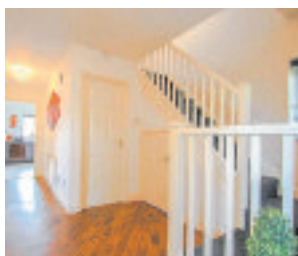
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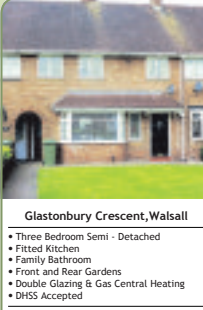


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WILLENHALL YALE ROAD
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• Hall With Guests Wc
• Lounge, Dining Room
• Breakfast Kitchen



- 3 En-suites • Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing • Gardens

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- Bathroom, En-suite
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£235,000



WILLENHALL WELLAND GROVE
• Greatly Improved Detached
• Highly Sought, After Estate
• Hall, Lounge
• Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen



- Three Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom
- Pleasant Gardens, Detached Garage
- Driveway, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£170,000



WILLENHALL PATTENHAM CLOSE (OFF STROUD AVENUE)
• Outstanding Detached Bungalow
• Popular Location
• Hall, Lounge
• Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-fitted Shower Room
- Block Paved Driveway, Pleasant Gardens
- Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £170,000



WILLENHALL HONEYBOURNE WAY
• Superb Modern 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
• Through Lounge / Dining Room
• Conservatory
• Re-fitted Kitchen



- Bathroom
- Garage
- Pleasant Gardens
- Driveway

£160,000



WILLENHALL DARVEL ROAD
• Extended Three Bedrooms Link Detached
• Through Lounge / Dining Room
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Garage



- Driveway
- Impressive Gardens
- Predominantly Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£159,950



NEW INVENTION BRAMBLE CLOSE
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• Hall, Superb Lounge



- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
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NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE
• Well Presented Modern End Terrace
• Hall, Guests Wc • NHBC Certificate
• Spacious Lounge With Dining Area
• Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms



- Bathroom, En-suite Shower Room
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Gardens • Good School Catchment

£144,950



WILLENHALL SPINDLE TREE RISE
• Superb Three Storey Mid Terrace
• No Chain
• Hall, Lounge
• Kitchen, Conservatory



- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Driveway, Rear Gardens

£140,000



WILLENHALL MALVERN CLOSE
• Deceptively Spacious 3 Beds Semi
• Two Reception Rooms
• Extended Kitchen
• Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage, Driveway
- Pleasant Gardens

£129,950



SHORT HEATH TENNYN SON ROAD
• Completely Renovated Semi Detached
• Hall, Lounge
• Newly Fitted Dining Kitchen
• Three Good Size Bedrooms



- Newly Fitted Bathroom, Separate Wc
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£120,000



WILLENHALL WALSALL ROAD
• Beautifully Presented 2 Bedrooms End Terrace
• Hall, Guests WC
• Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
• Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens
- Garage To The Rear

OFFERS OVER £110,000



WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE
• Spacious Traditional 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen



- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Long Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £110,000



WILLENHALL SHEPPELL GREEN
• Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached
• Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms
• Bathroom



- Gas Central Heating System
- Majority Double Glazing
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£110,000



COPPICE FARM COTSWOLD GROVE
• Much Improved Mid Terrace Bungalow In Cul De Sac Location For Over 60's Only
• Hall, Lounge, Conservatory
• Newly Fitted Kitchen



- Two Bedrooms, Newly Fitted Wet Room
- Majority Double Glazing, Shared Ownership
- Communal Parkin
- No Upward Chain

£105,000



BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE
• Improved Semi Detached
• No Chain
• Lounge • Kitchen
• Double Glazing



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Gas CH • Driveway
- Gardens

£99,950



WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE
• First Floor Two Bedrooms Maisonette
• Hall, Lounge
• Kitchen
• Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

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NEW

CLARENDON STREET, BLOXWICH

- SUPERB VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE
- CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH RAILWAY STATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GARDEN TO THE REAR
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



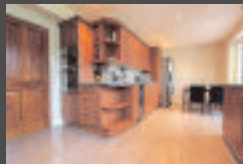
£115,000



NEW

CENTRAL DRIVE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- SUPERBLY APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- EXCELLENT RE-FITTED DINING KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM WITH CORNER BATH
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



£127,500 offers



BLAKENALL LANE, LEAMORE WALSALL

- CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TERRACE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM



- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING

£110,000



HARRISON STREET, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS AND UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



- UTILITY ROOM AND GUEST W.C.
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£114,950 OFFERS



SOLD
Subject to contract

SIGNAL GROVE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT • TWO BEDROOMS
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE • VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£69,950



SOLD
Subject to contract

STEPHENSON AVENUE, BEECHDALE

- END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY • TWO BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN AND UTILITY ROOM • GARDEN AT REAR
- OFF ROAD PARKING • NO ONWARD CHAIN

£79,950



LYDFORD ROAD, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- MUCH REQUESTED LOCATION
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



- EXCELLENT RE-FITTED SHOWER ROOM
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- DETACHED GARAGE AND UTILITY ROOM
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£239,995 OFFERS



STOWE STREET, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- LOUNGE AND DINING KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- GARDEN TO REAR
- OFF ROAD PARKING

£89,950



SOLD
Subject to contract

WELL LANE WALSALL

- THREE BEDROOMS • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN • VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- SELLING? WE OFFER FREE SELLING VALUATIONS! • NEED A

£109,950



SOLD
Subject to contract

BEECHES ROAD WALSALL

- SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY • EXCELLENT POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE
- THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM • GARDEN AT REAR

£130,000 offers



WALLINGTON CLOSE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- PLEASANT TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- GARDEN AT REAR
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- POPULAR LOCATION

£215,000 OFFERS



BROAD LANE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH RAILWAY STATION



- OFF ROAD PARKING
- BATHROOM
- GARDEN AT REAR
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£210,000 OFFERS



SOLD
Subject to contract

HEATHER ROAD, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY • LARGE CORNER PLOT
- THREE BEDROOMS • DETACHED WOODEN OUTBUILDING
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION • NO ONWARD CHAIN
- SELLING? WE OFFER FREE SELLING VALUATIONS! • NEED A

GUIDE PRICE £75,000



SOLD
Subject to contract

CARTBRIDGE LANE SOUTH WALSALL

- EX-SHOW HOME • MODERN STYLE SEMI • THREE BEDROOMS AND EN SUITE
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN • INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£179,950 OFFERS



CHESTER ROAD, STONNALL WALSALL

- EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- POPULAR LOCATION NEAR TO STONNALL VILLAGE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS



- GARAGE AT REAR
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- VIEWS OVER LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING

£214,950 OFFERS



OLD MILL HOUSE CLOSE, PELSALL WALSALL

- LINK DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- COURTYARD DEVELOPMENT AND WALLED GARDEN



- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£239,950 OFFERS



SOLD
Subject to contract

MACKAY ROAD, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- POPULAR LOCATION • THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS • RE-FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER

£134,950



SOLD
Subject to contract

BUTTS ROAD WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY • ATTACHED ONE BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- POPULAR PELSALL AREA • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM • COMMUNAL GARDENS

£25,000 OFFERS 50% SHARED

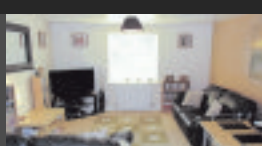
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- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING



- ALLOCATED PARKING
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£45,000 OFFERS 50% CO OWNERSHIP



SOLD
Subject to contract

PARKER STREET, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRE • THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • BRAND NEW FITTED CARPETS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE • GENEROUS REAR GARDEN

£89,950



SOLD
Subject to contract

BROAD WAY, PELSALL WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY • ATTACHED ONE BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- POPULAR PELSALL AREA • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM • COMMUNAL GARDENS

£75,000



Exceptional bungalow with three bedrooms

WIGHTWICK
£339,950

This exceptional three bedroom bungalow in a cul-de-sac location in the prestigious area of Wightwick, Wolverhampton, is on sale for £339,950 through Butters John Bee.

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FEATHERSTONE
£210,000

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There is an entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room leading into a fantastic conservatory, kitchen, utility room and guest wc. To the first floor are four bedrooms and refitted bathroom. Call 01902 427257 or see www.dbroberts.co.uk

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Guide £140,000 / £150,000

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Guide: £110,000 / £120,000

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109 THE LINDENS NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

A First floor Flat pleasantly situated with outlooks to front over Newbridge Crescent and grounds to rear. Communal access, private Entrance Hallway, Lounge with corner window and Juliet balcony, fitted Kitchen with dining recess, Two Double Bedrooms, smart white Bathroom with shower unit over bath. Outside: Garage No. 105 and communal grounds

EPC: D61

Guide: £48,000 / £53,000

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Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom. Outside: Store, Garage, fully enclosed Rear Garden. All Mains Services. EPC: E51

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St. Michael Street Walsall



Offers around £23,000

●●●A 50% shared property ideal for the first time buyer.●●●ground floor flat having the benefit of no upward chain and part UPVC double glazing. The property further comprises, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, communal gardens and parking. Energy rating F.

Bransdale Close Wolverhampton



Offers around £120,000

A lovely three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and cul-de-sac location. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and off road parking. Energy rating C.

Deans Place Walsall



Offers around £110,000

●●NO UPWARD CHAIN & OPEN TOO OFFER-●● A well presented extended, 3 bedroom semi-detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 3 good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, rear gardens and block paved driveway. Viewing essential. Energy rating E.

Paddock Lane Walsall



Offers around £55,000

A 7th floor two bedroom flat having the benefit of no upward chain and UPVC double glazing. Ideal for landlord or first time buyer the property further comprises, communal entrance with intercom, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower, separate W.C., communal gardens and parking spaces. Energy rating D.

282 Penn Road Wolverhampton



Offers around £159,995

A luxury 2 double bedroom first floor modern apartment situated within a sought after location. This well presented apartment comprises of a good size lounge/diner with balcony, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, 2 double bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite shower room) and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, electric central heating and secure allocated car parking accessed via remote controlled security gates. Energy rating C.

Lime Street Walsall



Offers around £95,000

A well presented two bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of Cul-de-sac location, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. Awaiting energy rating

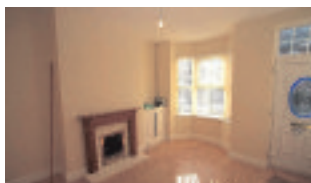
Slaney Road Walsall



Offers around £65,000

A well presented ground floor flat having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and cul de sac location. The property further comprises, porch, reception hall, re-fitted kitchen, inner hallway, double bedroom, refitted bathroom with shower, off road parking and garage. Energy rating D.

Lumley Road Walsall



●●SUIT LANDLORD AS CURRENTLY LET OUT AT £475PCM●● A well presented two bedroom mid-terraced property situated in The Chuckery in Walsall having the benefit of gas central heating, double glazed windows and fitted intruder alarm. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. Energy rating E.

Thorncroft Way Walsall



Offers around £239,995

●●OFFERS INVITED●● A very well presented 4 bedroom detached family home located in a popular residential location. This spacious accommodation further comprises of reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest W.C and conservatory. To the first floor are 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom. The property also benefits from no upward chain, gas central heating and double glazing and rear garden. To the front is a driveway providing off road parking and garage. Energy rating D.

Harrowby Place Willenhall



Offers around £120,000

A three bedroom traditional semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and carport. Energy rating E.



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Lot 1 Roberts Road Walsall

2nd June at 11am



Set on a corner plot, this traditionally styled semi detached property is in need of modernisation and would make an ideal purchase for investor or builder, conveniently located the property comprises: Ground Floor Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge 4.5m x 3.6m, Kitchen 4m x 2.1m, Bathroom 2.1m x 4m First Floor Bedroom One 4.5m x 2.7m, Bedroom Two 3m x 2.5m, Bedroom Three 3m x 2.3m Outside Fore Garden with off street parking, side and rear gardens.

●Guide Price £60,000 PLUS

Lot 3 Webster Road Walsall

2nd June at 11:30am



Ideal opportunity for a builder or investor, this traditionally styled mid terrace property is in need of complete modernisation. Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.5m x 3.7m, Kitchen 2.1m x 2.2m, Bathroom 2.2m x 1.3m, Lobby, W.C. First Floor Bedroom One 5.6m x 2.7m, Bedroom Two 3.3m x 2.6m, Bedroom Three 4m x 2.2m.

●Guide Price £40,000 - £45,000

Lot 6 Providence Lane Walsall

2nd June at 1pm



In need of complete modernisation (buyers are advised to check the Mining Report) this traditionally styled end terrace property is conveniently located close to Leamore centre and offers an ideal building project. The accommodation comprises: Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.1m x 4m, Kitchen 2.4m x 1.4m, Bathroom, Lobby with W.C. First Floor Bedroom One 4.2m x 2.18m, Bedroom Two 3.5m x 2.5m, Bedroom Three 2.5m x 2.4m.

●Guide Price £25,000 - £30,000

Lot 7 Stafford Street Walsall

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Lot 9 Blakenall Lane Walsall

2nd June at 12pm



Victorian mid terrace property in need of improvement and modernisation, conveniently located just off Bloxwich Road. With gas fired central heating and mainly double glazed the property offers an ideal opportunity for a builder/developer comprises:- Ground Floor Dining Room 3.8m x 3.14m, Lobby with stairs off, Lounge 3.8m x 3.7m plus bay, Kitchen 1.95m x 3.45m, Shower Room 1.84m x 1.82m, First Floor Landing leads to Bedroom One 3.6m x 3.14m, Bedroom Two 2.8m x 3.7m, Bedroom Three 3.45m x 1.93m with Potterton gas fired central heating boiler.

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Lot 11 Bassett Street Walsall

2nd June at 1:30pm



A substantially extended traditional semi detached property in need of complete modernisation and improvement situated in a desirable location close to Manor Hospital. An ideal rental property once completed, the property comprises:- Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge 5.13m into bay x 4m, double doors lead to Extended Breakfast Kitchen 5.3m x 5m, First Floor Bedroom One with Bathroom off 3.2m x 3m, Bedroom Two 3.2m x 2.3m, Bedroom Three 2.3m x 2.6m, Outside Brick Garage (no drop kerb) 5.9m x 2m, Fore Garden, Rear Garden with range of outbuildings.

●Guide Price £73,000 PLUS

Lot 10 Springfields Rushall

2nd June at 10:15am



This double glazed and centrally heated mid town house is conveniently located in a popular residential area close to Rushall centre and would make an ideal purchase for builder or investor. The spacious well planned accommodation comprises of the following:- Ground Floor Reception Hall with stairs off, Through Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lean to and Verandah, Workshop First Floor Landing, Bedroom One 4m x 3.15m, Bedroom Two 3.8m x 2.8m, Bedroom Three 2.4m x 2.4m, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Outside Fore and private enclosed rear garden.

●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

Lot 15 Springfields Rushall

2nd June at 10am



A delightfully appointed and maintained semi detached dormer bungalow benefiting from gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazing. Situated in a popular residential area within a short walk of Rushall centre, the property would be ideal as a rental or for owner occupation for a first time buyer. Ground Floor Fully Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room 3.65m x 3m, Rear Hallway, Lounge 4.6m x 3m, Kitchen 2.9m x 1.6m, Side Verandah 2.7m x 1.2m, Shower Room 2.3m x 1.6m with tiled cubicle and matching suite, Utility Room 2.6m x 1.6m with door to Conservatory/Lean To 2.9m x 2.4m First Floor Landing providing access to Two Bedrooms, Outside Driveway, whilst to the rear is an enclosed private rear garden.

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Lot 16 Station Street Darlaston

2nd June 2.45 pm



This Victorian three bedroom end terraced property requires some improvement and modernisation but does offer upvc double glazing and gas fired central heating. Ground Floor Front Room 3.73m x 3.12m having upvc double glazed bay window to front, central heating radiator, power points and ceiling light point. Rear Sitting Room 3.03m x 3.63m having upvc double glazed window to rear, stairs off to first floor, central heating radiator and ceiling light point. Kitchen 3.02m x 2.08m. Tiled Bathroom with upvc double glazed window to rear, matching suite comprising low level W.C, wash hand basin and paneled bath. First Floor Bedroom One, Bedroom Two and Bedroom Three.

●Guide Price £50,000 PLUS

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●Guide Price £140,000 PLUS

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Lot 20 Thorne Road Willenhall

2nd June 3.30 pm



In need of complete modernisation and improvement, this mid terrace property occupies a convenient popular location and makes an ideal purchase for a builder or investor. Ground Floor Entrance Hall, Lounge 3.8m x 4.7m, Kitchen 2.8m x 2.2m, Wet Room 2.8m x 1.4m First Floor Bedroom One (rear) 3m x 3.8m, Bedroom Two (front) 3.1m x 2.6m, Bedroom Three (front) 3.14m x 2m. Outside Fore and Rear Gardens.

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Lot 25 Wensleydale Road Perry Barr

2nd June at 2pm



●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area within Perry Barr not far from the A45 offering a great transport link into Birmingham City Centre. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Lounge with bay window to front (3.6m x 2.8m), Kitchen (2.2m x 1.5m), Rear reception room (3.9m x 2.8m) leading to conservatory (5.6m x 2.2m) offering views of the garden. First Floor Bedroom one with bay window to front (3.7m x 2.8m), Bedroom Two with window to rear (3.9m x 2.8m), Bedroom three (2m x 1.7m), Bathroom (2.4m x 1.6m)

Lot 26 Warner Road Walsall

2nd June at 10:30am



Conveniently located substantial semi detached property in need of modernisation and improvement comprising: Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge 5.18m x 3.3m, Kitchen 4m x 2.6m, Bathroom 3.1m x 1.3m, Side Verandah 5.3m x 1.7m First Floor Bedroom One 3.8m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two 3.3m x 3.2m, Bedroom Three 3.3m x 2m

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2nd June at 12:30pm



Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short walk of Bloxwich town centre, this traditionally styled double glazed, semi detached property is in need of modernisation and improvement. Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.5m x 3.6m, Kitchen 2.25m x 2.18m, Shower Room 2.25m x 1.3m, Lobby, W.C. First Floor Bedroom One 5.6m x 2.6m, Bedroom Two 4m x 3.2m, Bedroom Three 2.8m x 2.3m

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A 1923 restored Vauxhall returns for special reunion

By James Parker

A 1923 Vauxhall 23/60 made its first long journey after an 18-month mechanical restoration to be reunited with three generations of the previous owner's family at Vauxhall Motors' Heritage Centre in Luton.

Known as Alice, the vintage Vauxhall is now thought to be the most original of the around 90 surviving 23/60s from a total production of 1,300 made at the famous Kimp-ton Road factory between 1922 and 1926.

Kay Lorenzato, whose late husband owned the car from the 1950s, was delighted to see it for the first time after its inaugural, post-resto drive from Leicestershire to the last Vauxhall Bedford Owners' Association meeting. Her husband, she said, would have been "proud to see Alice on the road again" after he'd shared so many experiences with the car during the 1950s and 60s.

And Raymond Lorenzato certainly used the car extensively. A Grimsel Pass sticker on the wind-screen and three tickets from a cinema in Lucerne found under the seat during restoration were evidence of just some of the European road trips he made in the 50s.

The car also competed in various VSCC events, before being pushed into service as the Lorenzatos' daily transport during the 1960s (including the harsh winter of 1962/63).

Alice was last seen in Luton in 1964 at a 30-98 Register meeting and was on the road for a further three years, before being retired to the family garage with a cracked block.

Talking to Vauxhall staff at the VBOA meeting, Kay Lorenzato had fond memories of attending rallies in Alice with her husband in the early 60s



— including one at Brooklands — and recalled how attached they both were to the car.

Well known restorer and vintage racer, Mark Walker, purchased Alice from Kay at a Bonhams Beaulieu auction and over the last year and a half has undertaken a full mechanical restoration.

The block has been repaired and new high-compression pistons fitted, but wherever possible Mark has retained original components, with 'conservation' rather than 'restoration' being his mantra.

And Alice's appearance, which still shows the scars of a 93-year life, has carefully been preserved, with even the original leather trim being saved during the process.

"In Alice, 60mph at 2,000 rpm is still a comfortable and smooth cruising speed and the car keeps up well with modern traffic," said Walker. "Higher speeds are certainly possible, but with only rear brakes, probably not advisable! I intend to use the car as family transport and would love to recreate the trip over the Grimsel Pass one day"

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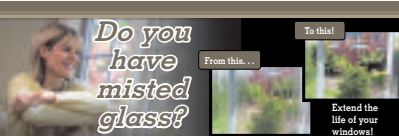
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Peter Rippington Award winners claim their accolades on stage with Amy Rippington, left, and Chris Brunt



Ladies Basketball Most valuable Player was Lauren Saa



Ellie McFarlane was named the under-11s Coach's Player of the Year

Brunt centre stage for Sporting presentation

BAGGIES star Chris Brunt was the star attraction at the annual Sport club Albion presentation evening.

More than 300 eager footballers and basketball players flocked to The Hawthorns for the event.

The Northern Ireland international was on hand to distribute the awards as representatives from the girls' centre of excellence, football and basketball teams flooded the Richardson Suite for a night of celebration.

Sporting Club Albion is an integral part of The Albion Foundation and provides an opportunity for the local community to wear the Baggies' colours in a range of sports. The club has more than 250 players and 20 teams.

Brunt happily handed out awards and posed for photos with the award winners in each age group.

Individual trophies were given for the players' player, coach's player and parents' player of the year. And as is the tradition in basketball, there was a most valuable player (MVP) award.

Unbeaten

Compered by girls centre of excellence manager Louise Scott, the night featured a multitude of videos and photos highlighting an action-packed season which included the under-16 boys' basketball team remaining unbeaten all season and the Sporting Club Albion Ladies side reaching the County Cup final and progressing to the quarter-finals of the Women's FA Cup where they came up against Women's Super League side Manchester City.

Rob Lake, director of the foundation, said: "It was fantastic to see such an excited crowd at another of our end of season awards nights. The atmosphere was electric."

"We really appreciate Chris taking time out of his

SPORTING FEATURE

By Ben Pollard

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day to join us. Being on stage for the players to have their photo with him really made the night special for them. There is a great trust and respect between the coaches and I felt that was demonstrated with their speeches. I cannot speak highly enough of the group."

The night also featured the announcement that the Sporting Club Albion set up would revert to West Bromwich Albion as of next season, meaning all teams will play under the Baggies name. The evening ended with the distribution of the Peter Rippington Award.

The accolade is in honour of Peter Rippington, who died in 2012. A long-standing supporter of all levels of football, he was teacher at Alvechurch School, and the father of former Club Albion player Amy. Mr Rippington was renowned for being loyal, selfless, and hard working in every aspect of his life, and the recipient of this award shares such traits.

The award is given to the player who, in the eyes of the ladies' coaching team and senior playing staff, has represented the SCA badge with the same loyalty and dedication that Mr Rippington represented his family, his school and his community.

This year, the award was dedicated to four Sporting Club Albion Ladies players – Kelly Darby, Hazzana

Parnell, Eleanor Clarke and Billie Haynes – who have lost relatives throughout the season. The awards for Sporting Club Albion Ladies were not distributed due to the team still having a number of games remaining as they battle for the league title and the opportunity to be promoted to the Women's Super League.

Awards were: Girls' Centre of Excellence, football Under-11s - Coach's Player of the Year: Ellie McFarlane; Players' Player of the Year: Alannah Meynell; Parents' Player of the Year: Alannah Meynell.

Under-13s - Coach's Player: Anna Craig; Players' Player: Anna Bebb; Parents' Player: Harmonie Cotterell.

Under-15s - Coach's Player: Charlie Whitehouse; Players' Player: Freya Owens; Parents' Player: Katie Clarke.

Under-17s - Coach's Player: Shannon Stamps; Players' Player: Lucy Finch; Parents' Player: Lucy Finch.

Basketball, Under-16 Boys - Coach's Player of the Year: Adam Tiley; Player's Player of the Year: Sulyman Suwareh; Boys Most Valuable Player: Connor Lynch.

Under-18 Girls - Coach's Player: Oliwia Zegul; Players' Player: Lauren Saa; Girls Most Valuable Player: Lauren Saa; Boys - Coach's Player: Taron-deep Nijjar; Players' Player: Jrae Lue; Boys Most Valuable Player: Encosee Richards.

Under-19 Boys - Coach's Player: Matej Dudak; Players' Player: Jamal Brown; Boys Most Valuable Player: Jamal Brown.

Mens - Coach's Player of the Year: Dale Deakin and Dinai's Tobin-Lara; Players' Player: Ramone Joseph; Most Valuable Player: Dailian Mason.

Women's - Coach's Player: Abby Watson; Players' Player: Lauren Saa; Most Valuable Player: Fatosh Tozaki.

Peter Rippington Award: Kelly Darby, Hazzana Parnell, Eleanor Clarke, Billie Haynes.



Sporting Albion's girls' under-15s girls line up on stage ahead of their presentations



Freya Owens presented with the girls' u-15s Players' Player award by Albion winger Chris Brunt



Golfers have sights set on pro-am glory

GOLFING pairs from both Bloxwich and Walsall have set their sights on pro-am glory.

The quest to win the Lombard Trophy will begin for Phil Cooke and his Walsall PGA Professional Ian Proverbs when they tee off for the regional final at Coventry Golf Club on June 7, one of 14 regional finals being staged across the UK.

They will be up against 64 other clubs with the winning club going through to compete in the 36-hole final at Portugal's luxurious Pestana Vila Sol Golf & Hotel resort on the Algarve in September.

The Lombard Trophy is the biggest pro-am competition in Europe and attracts entries from upwards of 700 clubs across Great Britain and Ireland. Lombard originally sponsored the tournament from 1995 to 2006 before returning as headline sponsor in 2013.

Cooke, aged 59, landed the chance for a tilt at qualifying for the grand final when he won his club qualifying competition with a nett score of 68. A retired fireman from Walsall, he has been playing golf for 25 years, playing off a handicap of nine. Proverbs, 44, has been a professional at Walsall for 20 years.

Also chancing their arm at qualifying are Warren Passey and his Bloxwich PGA Professional John Bandurak. They tee off on July 18.

Passey won his club qualifying competition with a nett 68. Aged 30, he delivers new cars and lives in Pelsall. He has a handicap of 19.

Bandurak, 31, has been a professional at Bloxwich for three months.

Last year's winners were PGA Professional Jason Levermore and amateur partner Ben Steed from Channels Golf Club, Essex.

Ian Isaac, head of Lombard, said: "We'd like to wish everyone the best of luck."

Graydon backs the chairman to make right call on boss

WALSALL legend Ray Graydon has backed chairman Jeff Bonser to make the right call when appointing a new manager – as Jon Whitney closes in on the role. Whitney was expected to be named permanent head coach this week.

He will hope to follow in the footsteps of Graydon who won promotion with the Saddlers to the old Division One back in 1999 and again in 2001.

And if Whitney does get the job, Graydon, affectionately known by fans as 'Sir Ray', believes he will get all the support he needs from Bonser and the board.

"When I was manager I was very fortunate that I had some fantastic people around me," Graydon said.

"One of those was Jeff, we had a great working relationship. He just wanted what was best for the team and he never once gave me any bother."

Meanwhile, youngster Amadou Bakayoko accepts he faces a make-or-break season after signing a contract extension with Walsall. The 20-year-old striker has penned a new one-year deal but will have to overcome a knee injury before he can set his sights on the first team.

Cup of cheer for Khalsa with late goal



It's celebration time for Sporting Khalsa

SPORTING Khalsa staged a second-half comeback to earn a 3-2 win over Wolverhampton Sporting Community and lift the JW Hunt Cup at Molineux.

It was Wolves who were first on the scoresheet with a classic second minute counter-attack. A Khalsa corner was cleared to halfway where Dan Westwood held off a man before squaring to Josh Sarmiento who sidestepped a challenge and slotted low past the keeper.

Khalsa hit back quickly and in the 17th minute, Dave Meese's first-time volley was pushed wide by the keeper but quickly returned into the mid-

Football

dle where Craig Bannister fired into the open net from six yards.

The West Midlands League regained the lead in the 38th minute. Ethan Delaney earned a free-kick 25 yards out which Westwood curled in over the wall.

Khalsa pulled level for a second time in the 68th minute when Tes Robinson produced a good turn and finish following a corner. Two minutes from time, a cross from the right dropped to Meese and he fired low into the bottom corner.

BELIEF IS THE KEY FOR TULLY

"IF you believe it, you can achieve it. Just keep on trying."

So says para-athlete Tully Kearney, who believes anyone who puts their mind to it can see their dreams come true. And that proved the case for the Aldridge swimmer who broke on to the international scene during last year's World Championships, collecting four golds – six medals in all – on her way to becoming the most decorated swimmer in the British team, all while embarking on a physiology course at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Kearney, runner-up in the BBC's Young Sports Personality of the Year awards, has now been selected to represent Great Britain's Paralympic swimming team in Rio this September, despite being forced to miss the trials this month through injury.

"To balance everything I have to be very organised and plan my weeks in advance," she said. But she was quick to praise her mother Amanda, for making huge personal sacrifices. "She completely gave up her social life for me and if it wasn't for her I would not be where I am today."

Kearney admits she was privileged to see Paralympic star Ellie Simmonds show off her latest medals and awards when they both attended Cooper and Jordan Primary.

Simmonds, now an OBE, won her first Paralympic medal aged just 13 and went on to become a four-time Paralympic champion and currently has 10 world records to her name.

It helped stoke the fire that would eventually see Kearney become team-mates with Simmonds – and both are now real gold medal contenders for the Games in Rio, from September 7 to 18.

Kearney, who suffers with primary generalised dystonia, which affects which affects her lower limbs and left hand side of her body, said: "Ellie would bring in all her awards, medals and show them at assemblies. Seeing her winning all those trophies meant I was inspired by her to achieve something."

Kearney joined Boldmere Swimming Club in 2012 and was coached by Ashley Cox. Classified as a S10 and SB9 swimmer, at the age of 14 she was competing nationally in youth competitions winning gold in seven events at the DSE (Disability Sports Events) Championships in Sheffield.

Now her sights have been set fully on Brazil. "My first aim was to qualify for Rio. Now my only goal is to do the best I can," she said.



Tully Kearney with her world championship gold medal in the S9 women's 100m butterfly

St John's pocket memorable double

ST John's completed a memorable double with a 3-1 away victory in the second leg of the Aldridge Snooker League Premier Division League Cup Final against Wednesday Cons A, completing a 6-3 aggregate win to add to their league title.

In the Division One League Cup Final Wednesday Cons B visited Darlaston Cons with a

4-1 advantage from the first leg and completed a 6-4 aggregate League Cup victory. They face Stafford Road B in a play-off for promotion to the Premier League.

Holders Paul Harrison & Lee Thomson (Wednesday Cons) were beaten 3-0 in the final of the Foursomes Championship by ex-pro Ade Rosa and prom-

ising youngster Ryley Archer (Lea Hall).

The u-21 Junior Championship Final at Amery saw Riley Parsons (St John's) defeat Golden Cue's Tom Hurst 3-0 for his first Aldridge Junior title.

Captain's Cup holder Paul Harrison (Wednesday Cons) fell to challenger Andy Price of Bloxwich.

Keeping it in family for Evening With

BOXING legend Nigel Benn and his son Conor take centre stage for a family affair in the Black Country next month.

The two will be the feature attractions of 'An Evening With' on June 11 at the WS10 Conference & Banqueting Suite, in Holyhead Road, Wednesbury.

Staged by Just Judge Events, it takes place on the same night England play Russia in the European Championships. The game will be shown live on big screens around the venue.

Nigel is making the trip over for a tour of the United Kingdom from his home in Sydney, Australia, to where he emigrated after hanging up his gloves in 1996.

The former Commonwealth and two-weight titlist is regarded as one of the best WBC super middleweight champions ever.

"The Dark Destroyer", now aged 52, won the crown and made nine defences. He boxed 48 times as a pro, winning 42 with 35 TKOs. He lost five, with one draw.

Son Conor – middle name Nigel – has followed in his boxing footsteps and turned pro this year.

The 19-year-old has turned over at light middle and is signed to Eddie Hearn's Matchroom stable.

Bloxwich's Daniel Breeze, the popular and reigning British Classic middleweight champion, will be among the guests on the night.

Tickets are on sale now, starting at £30 for a 'bronze' pass. The 'silver' option is £50 and includes food and waiter service.

The 'gold' choice is £65 and includes all of the above, plus queue jump and a picture with Nigel. Go to www.eventbrite.co.uk

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Friendly derbies for Saddlers pre-season

WALSALL have lined up two local derbies as they begin their preparations for the 2016/17 League One campaign.

The Saddlers will face newly-promoted National League side Solihull Moors in a friendly on July 16 at Damson Park – the first ever meeting between the two sides.

Walsall then host Championship neighbours Birmingham City on July 19. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for concessions.

Meanwhile, winger Kieran Morris has signed a two-year deal. The 21-year-old academy graduate will stay at the Banks's Stadium until 2018.

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